



## Rita Primrose Abbott

June 20, 1934 - May 8, 2026

Rita Primrose Abbott, age 91, of Decatur, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Friday, May 8, 2026.

Rita was born on June 20, 1934, in Brighton, England, to Arthur Colley and Alice Marler Colley. She was a seamstress for more than 50 years, beginning her career at the young age of 16. She later met the love of her life, John Sydney Abbott, and they were married on February 19, 1955, at St. Cuthman Church in Brighton, England. Rita and John moved from England to Canada in 1956 and later relocated to Wisconsin in 1962. They became American citizens in 1969. After spending several years there, they moved to Decatur, Alabama, where they spent the remainder of their lives loving their wonderful family.

Rita enjoyed traveling with her husband and family, as well as reading, sewing, and embroidery. She was a faithful member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,

where she  
was always willing to help wherever needed.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Alice Colley; brothers, Ben Colley and Arthur Colley; and sisters, Violet Abbott and Patricia Moloney. She is survived by her devoted husband of 71 years, John S. Abbott; son, Keith Abbott; daughter, Lorraine (Ronnie) Smallwood; grandchildren, Kevin (Melinda) Abbott, Kolin Abbott, Julie (Andy) Mathis, and Adam (Megan) Smallwood; and great-grandchildren, Hailey Abbott, Kylie Abbott, Jayda Abbott, Autumn Abbott, Jack Mathis, Charles Mathis, Carson Smallwood, and Cade Smallwood.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 2:00 PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, with Reverend Tripp Brogdon officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 PM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials maybe sent to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Hospice of the Valley, or United Way of Morgan County.

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
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Decatur, AL 35603  
256-355-6310  
<http://standrewdecatur.org>

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