



Jo Ann Smith

August 13, 1938 - March 1, 2026

Jo Ann Smith, a dearly loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, pastor's wife, and nurse, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2026, at the age of 87. Born on August 13, 1938, Jo Ann lived a life defined by faith, compassion, service, and unwavering devotion to her family and her Lord. Her life was firmly anchored in her love for Jesus Christ and her love for her family. Jo Ann did not simply speak of faith — she lived it daily. Through seasons of joy and seasons of challenge, she trusted God completely. She was preceded in death by her Father, George Kinder, her Mother Frances Kinder and her Husband Ralph E. Smith Jr.

She is survived by her sisters, Linda Billham (Don), Erva Reardon (Jim), sons Ralph E. Smith III (Maria), Daniel Smith (Connie) and her daughter Julie Elerick (Jimmy), 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with her son, Pastor Dan Smith officiating. Interment will follow in White House Memorial Gardens with family serving as pallbearers. Visitation is planned for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10AM-12PM at the funeral home. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Cemetery Details

White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W
White House, TN 37188

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ralph we are keeping your mom and your family in our prayers
Sincerely
Jeff Henry

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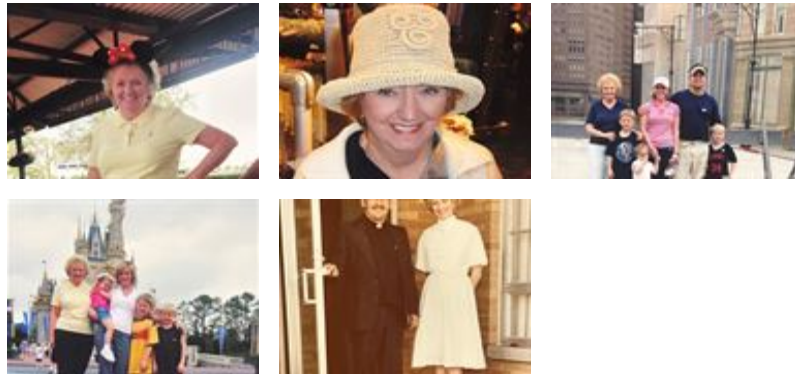
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the family of Jo Ann Smith.



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It's difficult to imagine a more gracious cousin than Jo Ann. My memories are more distant. I remember a teenage Jo Ann going a little "ga-ga" over a new singer named Elvis Presley. I remember her starting to date a guy named Ralph Smith, aka, "Smitty". I remember a few years later how thrilled her aunt Anna ... (my mom) ... was when Jo Ann enrolled in nursing school at East Liverpool School of Nursing. I remember when she married Smitty before she completed nursing school, a definite no-no back in those days. And 30 years later, I remember she and Smitty traveling 3+ hours from Mansfield, OH, to visit my dying mom in the hospital for a few permitted minutes. While I didn't get to see Jo Ann often when she moved to Tennessee, I can honestly say I will miss her kindness and uplifting spirit. Rest in peace, Jo Ann. Greg

Greg Claypool - March 04 at 08:13 PM

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“ *William and Tara Crenshaw purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Smith.*



William and Tara Crenshaw - March 03 at 04:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Smith.*



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