



Wanda Nell Smothers

March 5, 1935 - March 17, 2025

Wanda Nell Hopkins Smothers, age 90, of Springfield, passed away Monday, March 17, 2025 at the Arbors of Springfield. Graveside services will be conducted at 11am Friday, March 21st in the Camden City Cemetery in Camden, TN.

The family will receive friends from 4-8pm Thursday, March 20th, at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield

Mrs. Smothers was a truly loving and devoted soul. She was born March 5, 1935, in Linden, TN, to the late Sam and Eula Hopkins. Wanda grew up in Brazil, TN, where she made lasting memories and excelled as Captain of her high school basketball team at Springhill High School.

Her strong work ethic began early, as she spent her summers picking cotton to fund her education at the University of Tennessee at Martin. While at UT Martin, she worked at Ma's Boarding House, where she met the love of her life, Bobby Smothers. They were married in 1956 and spent over 50 years together building a life filled with love and laughter.

Wanda dedicated nearly 40 years of service to the Tennessee Department of Human Services, where her compassion and hard work touched countless lives. She found peace and joy working in her garden, often retreating there to

find solace from her “four bad kids.”

A true fan of sports, Wanda loved cheering on the Tennessee Lady Vols. She also had a deep passion for travel, especially to Las Vegas, where she celebrated her milestone birthdays. Her love of music spanned generations, with a special place in her heart for Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, and Jimmy Buffett. Wanda’s friendship and loyalty were evident in the bond she shared with a close-knit group of ladies with whom she played bridge for over 50 years.

In addition to her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 51 years, Bobby Smothers; her son, Tracy Smothers; her sister, Peggy Gayle Freeman; and her brother, Rex Hopkins.

She is survived by her sons, Jeff Smothers (Jackie) of Springfield, TN, and Sammy Smothers of Stewart, TN; her daughter, Allyson Smothers of Germantown, TN; and her grandchildren, Matthew Proctor (Morgan) of Clarksville, Kami Brooke Spurlock (Steve) of Greenbrier, Kyle Robert Smothers of Springfield, and Christopher Alan Smothers (Stephanie) of Hendersonville. She is also survived by five great-granddaughters, Ava, Ali, Caroline, Madelyn, and Savannah Allyson, as well as many nieces and nephews whom she truly adored.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that memorial donations be made to: The Pat Summitt Foundation, P.O. Box 31002, Knoxville, TN 37930, or by visiting www.patsummitt.org

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Graveside Service

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM.

Camden City Cemetery
Camden, TN

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 20, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MW

“ *Mark and Mona Wynne purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.*



Mark and Mona Wynne - March 20, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.*



March 20, 2025 at 12:34 PM

DM

“ *Debra M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Nell Smothers.*

Debra M. - March 20, 2025 at 06:12 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - March 19, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Angela & Landon Himelright purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.



Angela & Landon Himelright - March 19, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wanda Nell Smothers.

March 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.



March 19, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TT

“ Terry Tanner lit a candle in memory of Wanda Nell Smothers



Terry tanner - March 19, 2025 at 09:41 AM

KC

“ Ken and Patty Carnahan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Nell Smothers.

Ken and Patty Carnahan - March 18, 2025 at 06:45 PM

KC

“ Ken and Patty Carnahan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.



Ken and Patty Carnahan - March 18, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MF

“ Mike, Terri Mitchell and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wanda Nell Smothers.

Mike, Terri Mitchell and Family - March 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Mike, Terri Mitchell and Family purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.



Mike, Terri Mitchell and Family - March 18, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda Nell Smothers.



March 18, 2025 at 05:53 PM