



## Jane Estelle Smith Keith

September 28, 1924 - September 18, 2018

Jane Estelle Smith Keith, age 93 passed away Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in Newnan, Georgia.

Jane was born on September 28, 1924 in Attapulcus, Ga to the late Drane Dupont Smith and Sarah Elizabeth Daughtry.

Along with her parents, Jane was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence William Keith, Jr. and daughter Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd. Also preceded her were her brother's James Smith, Julian Smith, and George Smith, nephews Drane Smith and James "Jimmy" Smith. She is survived by sister Helen Woodward; children Lawrence W. Keith, III (Joyce) and Mary Virginia Keith. Grandchildren Pat Shepherd (Selina) , Robert Shepherd, Nathaniel Keith, and Mathew Keith(Erin) and Great Gandchild Caroline Elizabeth Keith. She was also very close to her nieces and nephews Sarah Ward, Judy Davis, Bill Smith(Cynthia), George Woodward (Nonnie) Bill Woodward(Penny), Jennie Smith, George Smith (Isabelle).

Jane attended Montreat College in North Carolina and graduated in 1943. She continued her education attending GSCW in Milledgeville majoring in Home Economics and Dietetics. She taught school for a year before moving to College Park to work for Delta Airlines. During the five years working for Delta she met Lawrence W. Keith, Jr. and in December of 1949 they married and moved to Newnan.

Jane grew up in Attapulcus attending the Methodist church but joined the Central Baptist Church in September 1950. The church became the center

and strength of her life. Jane served as President of the WMU, and taught Sunday school classes for 14 years in various departments. She also served on the grounds committee, flower committee and volunteered on Mondays in the church office.

Jane was extremely active in the Newnan community, serving as a Girl Scout leader and in the Newnan Service League. In 1975 she was appointed to the Parks Committee and served until her death. Jane served as Pink Lady and Grey Lady at the Newnan Hospital from 1961-1991.

Jane loved flowers and had a passion for gardening and flower arranging. She worked for Arthur Murphy Florist from 1956 to 1960. She was an active member of the Driftwood Garden Club for over 50 years, and served as President for 3 years.

Jane loved sports, playing basketball in high school but found her true passion to be golf in the 1960's. She loved her golf buddies and helped raise money for cancer with the Carolyn Manos golf tournament. Jane was responsible for organizing the West Georgia Ladies Golf Association in 1980 and served on the Georgia Senior Women's board for 12 years.

After suffering from cancer, golf became difficult, so her next love became bridge. She had played for years in her social circles but decided to take up Duplicate Bridge. She worked hard to gain her Life's Masters in Bridge.

Throughout Jane's life she was known for her excellent cooking skills. She was a private caterer out of her home for many years. In 2011 she published her own cookbook which brought her so much joy sharing her recipes from years of cooking for family and friends.

In Jane's own words she said, "I had a wonderful life and the Lord has blessed me in so many ways. Without my faith in the Lord I could have never carried on".

A memorial service will be held at the Central Baptist Church at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 with a reception following in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers donations to Central Baptist Church 14 West Broad Street Newnan GA 30263 or Corral (Coweta Organization for Riding,

Rehabilitation, and Learning) 52 Oliver Potts Road Newnan GA 30263. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com) McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com  
<http://www.mckoon.com>

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central Baptist Church  
14 West Broad St.  
Newnan, GA 30264

## Visitation

SEP **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
Camille and Jeff Morgan*

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**Camille Morgan** - October 02, 2018 at 08:48 PM

SW

“ *Jane was an amazing lady and a true inspiration.....sally wood*

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**sally wood** - September 25, 2018 at 11:30 AM

TC

“ *Mary Virginia: I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. Even though I did not meet her, I will always be glad I got a copy of the cookbook you did with her. Thought that was so cool! Know that my heart is with you and your family during this stressful time. Many prayers and Much love, Tara Crean*

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**Tara Crean** - September 24, 2018 at 12:51 PM

AA

“ *Hi Mary Virginia,  
Sorry to hear about your Mom. Speak her name often to keep her memories alive. Praying for everyone involved.*

*Angela Smith Alexander*

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**Angela Alexander** - September 24, 2018 at 07:41 AM

LS

“ *Jane was such a special giving person who was always ready with a compliment for someone else. I'm so glad I have her cookbook and pass along flowers to remember her by.*

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**Lynn Smith** - September 23, 2018 at 01:24 PM

JL

“ I was Miss Jane's Avon lady many years ago ! Then a had the pleasure of doing her hair for many years ! She gave me an old grater that sher was not able to use to make cheese straws ! I have many wonderful memories of Miss Jane Keith ! 💔💔

June long - September 23, 2018 at 12:08 AM

SH

“ Having been lucky enough to be her mailman back in the nineties and early 2000's I had the pleasure of eating lots of goodies that she prepared. She always took care of me!.I like to think I did the same with her and her mail. She was a true friend with a great laugh.The world needs more people like her.Scott Horne

Scott Horne - September 22, 2018 at 08:56 AM

BP

“ Miss Jane was always such a sweet lady and one of my favorite people when we lived on Second Avenue. Mary Virginia and Family I will keep you in my prayers

Beth Spradlin Pitts

Beth Pitts - September 21, 2018 at 05:43 PM

FF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Miss Jane was a great lady. We enjoy using her cookbook and beef Lombardi is our favorite. She will be missed by everyone that knew her. A very special person.

Frank and Melody Farmer

FRANK AND MELODY FARMER - September 21, 2018 at 12:55 PM

GW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Miss Jane lived a wonderful and full life. May your memories sustain you in this difficult time.



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**Getaldine Bobby Welch** - September 21, 2018 at 07:23 AM

NB

*We will all miss Jane . She was a good friend to so many people, and involved in so many different things. She was so knowledgeable of things for many years in the past. We are the last of the “greatest generation” left. And she will sorely be missed . So sorry for the your loss of your Dear Mom.  
Nancy Burks*

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**nancy burks** - September 23, 2018 at 09:05 PM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family!

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**Delilah Meadows** - September 20, 2018 at 03:58 PM