



## Joyce Cleveland Smith

October 8, 1927 - October 20, 2020

Joyce Cleveland Smith, age 93, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at her home in Senoia, GA surrounded by family. She was born on October 8, 1927 to the late William Clarence Cleveland and Dovie Parker Cleveland.

Joyce has pioneered several “firsts” over the course of her life. Mrs. Smith was the first woman ever selected to a seat on the Executive Board of Georgia Textiles Personnel Association during her tenure at Southern Mills, Inc. in Senoia. To her credit she later became the first female president of the Newnan Coweta Chamber of Commerce. Joyce was honored as Grand Marshall of the Senoia Christmas Parade in 2008. Joyce was on the bowling team in high school. She remembers wearing a green and white dress uniform and bowling at an alley with four lanes. After graduation, Joyce went to Auburn University and later graduated from Draughn’s Business School in Atlanta. The Senoia beauty wed William C. Smith at Senoia Baptist Church and made her home with him in Senoia. Mrs. Smith became a stay at home mother to Skipper, Dodie, Debbie, and Nerine for many years. Over the years, Joyce spent time with good friends playing bridge. She returned to work at the age of 40 and began her 30-year career with Southern Mills, retiring as their Corporate Purchasing Manager. Joyce has served as Chairman of Senoia’s Downtown Development Authority as well as on the Board of Housing and Zoning committees. She was a member of Senoia Baptist Church for over 80

years and served on several committees.

Along with her parents, Joyce is preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" C. Smith and their son, William "Skipper" Smith. She is survived by her children, Dodie Hamrick, Debbie James and her husband William "Billy" and Nerine Barnette and her husband James "Jim". She is also survived by her grandchildren, James Hamrick and his wife Lauren, William "Chase" Hamrick, William "Clay" Brooke James and great grand daughter Halle Hamrick. She also has numerous nieces, nephews and extended family who will dearly miss her.

The service to celebrate the wonderful life Joyce lived is Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 1:45 PM at the Senoia City Cemetery with Rev. Jonathan officiating. The family will receive friends Friday, October 23, 2020 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

# Cemetery Details

## **Senoia City Cemetery**

Stallings Road  
Senoia, GA

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
[care@mckoon.com](mailto:care@mckoon.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Cleveland Smith*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - October 29, 2020 at 10:10 AM

LT

“ *To the family of Joyce Smith, may God continue to bless and be with you at this difficult time, she will be missed, Love Larry Turner Sharpsburg Ga*

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**Larry Turner** - October 24, 2020 at 11:29 AM

BB

“ *Every time I saw Joyce she was always energetic, happy and glad to see us. She and Bill made a great couple. Mike and I have many happy memories of times we spent with them. Joyce was a fine lady and will be missed by many. So sorry for the family's loss. Love Becky and Mike Baynard.*

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**Becky Baynard** - October 23, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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*Joyce had the most beautiful smile, with the true charm of a southern lady. She and Bill were such sweet people and I enjoyed my association with each of them when I worked at the Farmers & Merchants Bank. Love and prayers to the family, Rebecca Cook*

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**Rebecca Cook** - October 24, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.*



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October 23, 2020 at 06:31 PM



“ *Newnan-Coweta Chamber purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.*



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**Newnan-Coweta Chamber** - October 23, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Joyce Cleveland Smith*



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**Bobby and Geraldine Welch** - October 23, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.*



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October 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during during this difficult time. Love Ronnie and Susan Whatley

Susan R Whatley - October 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.



October 22, 2020 at 08:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.



October 22, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Cleveland Smith.



October 22, 2020 at 06:58 PM

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“Brightmoor Hospice extends its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Joyce Smith.



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**Shannon Moore** - October 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM