



## Louise Smith

September 9, 1935 - February 20, 2022

Thelma Louise Rainey Smith born September 9, 1935, died Sunday, February 20, 2022, at her home surrounded by her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was 86 years old and a life-long resident of Newnan. She was the daughter of the late Mary Lou Coggin Rainey and Clen Leard Rainey. She is survived by her husband Arthur Wilmer Smith and her sister Linda Rainey Yarbrough.

After a short courtship, Louise married Arthur Wilmer Smith on October 10, 1953. This union of 68 years produced four children; Jane (Lyn) Johnston; Brett (Nancy) Smith; Deborah Ward; and Mary Faye (Warren) Moore. Quickly following were 12 grandchildren and in shortorder 28 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren with 2 more to arrive soon. She was a major influence in all their lives.

Louise devoted the first years of marriage to tending the home for their four children. She began her career as a librarian by working for the Carnegie Library and worked there for three years. Her passions were reading, teaching, and watching old movies. She brought her zeal for reading to so many.

When her youngest began first grade, she pursued her goal and received her degree in Library Science from The State University of West Georgia and later

received her Specialist Degree. She worked for the Coweta County School System for thirty-three years and impacted countless young people and fostered her love of books. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church and she served her church teaching Sunday School. Her classes were an inspiration to many.

Louise and Wilmer spent much of their time traveling. They traveled all over the United States, Canada, and six of the seven continents. Two of their favorite places to visit were Hawaii and Colorado.

A celebration of her life for family and friends will be held on Wednesday, February 23 2022 at 3 p.m. at McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan with Rev. Ken Norton and Brett Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be sent to Providence Church Building Fund at 918 Providence Church Road, Newnan, GA 30263.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-3744

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

## Funeral Service

FEB 23. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall



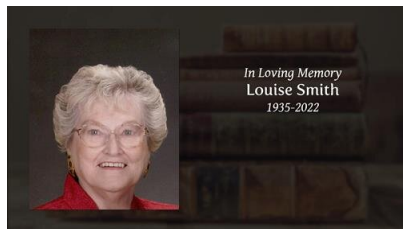
“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Louise Smith*



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 23, 2022 at 08:02 AM



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



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**McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory** - February 22, 2022 at 09:28 AM

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*One of my fondest memories growing up in Welcome was going to visit Wilmer and Louise's home. There was always fun and laughter and good times. I remember her smile and laugh. A friend who was an only child said she wanted to live across the road from them because of the laughter and fun that could be heard.....now she does.*

*Remarkable lady.*

*Barbara Maddox Ciulla*

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**Barbara Ciulla** - February 22, 2022 at 12:51 PM

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*Oh the good memories. Praying for her family and friends and especially for poppa. Angelia Smith*

**Angelia M Smith** - February 22, 2022 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Wilson and Jane Treadwell*

**Wilson and Jane Treadwell** - February 25, 2022 at 09:29 PM



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



February 22, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Louise Smith.*



February 22, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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“ *Thinking of you with the loss of your sweet mom. She always had a smile on her face, especially when surrounded by family. I know you'll miss her.*  
*Donna Folden*

**Donna Folden** - February 22, 2022 at 07:23 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louise Smith.*



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February 22, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Our prayers are with all the family during this time of loss.*  
*Frank and Melody Farmer*

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**FRANK AND MELODY FARMER** - February 22, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Louise. She was the sweetest lady! I remember her as the librarian at both my elementary and high schools. In later years, we would catch up on our talks in Kroger where I've been employed for almost 32 years. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Christopher Addison** - February 22, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Louise was a kind and friendly person to everyone. We know that she will be missed by family and friends.*  
*Charles and Joyce O'Kelley*

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**Charles O'Kelley** - February 22, 2022 at 02:24 PM

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“ *My sympathy to all the family, and may God bless you and comfort you in your time of loss.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Sue Hunter*

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**Sue Hunter** - February 22, 2022 at 01:36 PM

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“ *Please accept my sincere condolences on Louise's passing. I knew her for many years when we both worked as librarians in the Coweta County School System. She was a fun- loving person and enjoyed life to the fullest. May she rest in peace.*



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**Geraldine Welch** - February 22, 2022 at 10:13 AM