



Phyllis Prince Smith

September 28, 1946 - January 17, 2018

The Bible, in Matthew, declares that all who are tired and heavy burdened should take their rest and come to be with God in heaven. Phyllis Prince Smith peacefully heeded that call of God on Wednesday morning, January 17th. Phyllis was born in Newnan on September 28, 1946 and was the only child of the late Philip N. and Reba Wortham Prince. The pattern for her life was formed early on as she accepted Jesus at the age of 12 while attending East Newnan Baptist Church. She graduated from Newnan High School in the class of 1964. Always being an avid reader, it was a natural fit for her to pursue a major in English as she entered college. She graduated from West Georgia College in 1968. Also, in 1968, knowing that she had found a wonderful life partner, she and Robert Larry Smith were married on June 22nd. Theirs would be an amazing story of love. They would find joy beyond compare in their role as parents and grandparents. So much of their lives would be fulfilling by being a vital part of their activities jointly, as well as, those things they did as individuals. Knowing the importance of bonding as a family, their trips to the beach were a great part of their lives and eagerly anticipated by their children and grandchildren. Phyllis was a dedicated English teacher at Newnan High School. There is no measure of the lives she impacted in her 32 years in the classroom. She was a vital part of the extracurricular activities at NHS. She taught accelerated English to students with exceptional abilities. The academic bowl teams benefitted from her guidance. At the same time, she was sponsor for Tri-Hi-Y, a service club that

promoted high standards of Christian character. Outside the classroom, she was a member of ADK, an international organization for female educators. Phyllis' faith was firmly grounded in First Baptist Church of Moreland. She and Larry taught Sunday school in their younger years. They were faithful members of the choir. She was a willing volunteer for programs like VBS or serving on the church hostess' committee. Phyllis had a strong creative instinct and for many years, she and Larry would craft beautiful designs in silk flowers that they would show at both Powers Crossroads and The Cotton Pickin' Fair, as long as Larry's health permitted. Life would not be without its challenges for the Smiths. For over 20 years, she would assume the most challenging role of her life as Larry's health issues became to define their lives together. She was steadfast as his advocate; tireless as his caregiver; honored that she could assume these, at times, overwhelming responsibilities. She did this with great love for her husband; knowing that God had prepared her for this crucial role. One could not tell the story of Phyllis' life without mentioning her four legged children. She loved Yorkies and Westies – a lot! As her own health issues came to the forefront, her Yorkie “Rascal” was forever there by her side. Mention must be made of her rescue cat Maddie, another cast member in her four-legged menagerie. Phyllis knew that the call of god in her life would prepare her for the responsibility as “Mama”, “Granny” or “Nini”. Her life was an example of love for her daughters Kimberly Pelletier and her husband Joe; Stacey Henderson and her husband Kevin. And, oh, how she loved her grandchildren Josh Pelletier, Daniel Pelletier, Eric Henderson and Matthew Henderson. She was a beloved sister by marriage to Richard Smith and Gail Carroll (and Len). Phyllis' family will receive friends at McKoon Funeral Home on Friday evening, January 19th between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Her life of love and family will be remembered in a service in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 2:00 PM to be led by her pastor Todd Slade and family friend Reverend Joey Perry. She will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in the historic Southview Cemetery in Moreland. Phyllis' great faith served her well, even through her

illness. She would be the first to remind her family that “things work out the way they are supposed to”. The life story of this strong woman of God has not ended, though. It will be told time and time again for many years to come in the lives of those she loved and for whom she set a fine example. This example would be evident in the good times of life, but also, facing life’s ultimate challenge in a graceful manner; always thankful for His guidance in her life and the promise of His blessed assurance. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Southview Cemetery

Harris Street (PO Box 201)
Moreland, GA 30259

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

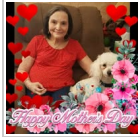
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Tribute Wall

HD

“ *Mrs. Smith was a wonderful teacher.*

Hazel Dominick - January 22, 2018 at 08:43 PM



“ *Was a wonderful and sweet lady. She was my favorite teacher. RIP Mrs Smith.*

Angie Jones - January 20, 2018 at 06:20 PM

Melba Bowie

“ *One of my favorite teachers at NHS. Prayers for her family!*



Melba Bowie - January 20, 2018 at 05:32 PM

MM

“ *I have such fond memories of Phyllis & her family. When I came to Newnan High School many years ago as a new teacher, Phyllis was the first teacher who greeted me & made me welcome. Years later, I was so fortunate to be her beautiful daughters' music teacher in elementary school. I will miss her but know that she & her wonderful husband are together again for all eternity. My sincere sympathy to her family.*

Mary Jane Miles

Mary Jane Miles - January 20, 2018 at 02:29 PM

SB

“ Sue Bynum lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith



Sue Bynum - January 20, 2018 at 12:25 PM

CM

“ Charlotte Myatt lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith



Charlotte Myatt - January 20, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MF

“ Matt & Brian Veal and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Phyllis Prince Smith.



Matt & Brian Veal and family - January 19, 2018 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ I first met Phyllis at East Newnan Baptist Church and also, went to high school with her. We had some classes together. Phyllis was such a sweet person with such a gentle spirit. Prayers for the family during this sad time. Rest in peace my dear friend .

Charlotte Crawford - January 19, 2018 at 09:17 PM

MF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. She truly was a sweet, sweet lady. She taught me in 10th grade, 1990, at NHS. I wasn't a very good student, but I still thought her to be wonderful, and she never wavered in her willingness to teach and help me. She will be missed by all.

Mary Harrington Felts - January 19, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CM

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Mrs Smith. She was such a sweet woman and a fun teacher. She will be missed.
Crystal and William Moore

crystal moore - January 19, 2018 at 11:11 AM

BW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a kind, gentle woman and will surely be missed by family and friends. May you all be comforted in the lives well lived by both Larry and Phyllis.



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 19, 2018 at 09:50 AM

JH

“ I graduated from high school with Phyllis and was fortunate to be able to call her friend. Have kept up with her health and know you can find peace and comfort in knowing she is no longer in pain. God Bless. Judy Stephens Harper

Judy S. Harper - January 19, 2018 at 08:07 AM

LA

“ I taught in NHS along with Phyllis for many years and considered her a very good friend. She was a brave and loving person, her family was everything to her. She was an out standing teacher. I shall miss calling her and being with her. My heart goes out to her beloved daughters. I would most certainly have come, except for the snow and the 80 miles of traveling. My heart and dearest thoughts go to this wonderful family!
Linda Terhune Armour

Linda Terhunt Armour - January 19, 2018 at 07:15 AM

GJ

“ Phyllis taught World History and English to me during her first year of teaching at NHS in 1967; she was an awesome teacher, even during her first year. I was also her student assistant and typed many of her worksheets and assignments. I knew her Dad because he was a delivery man for Texaco gas when my Uncle Duvert owned Minix Grocery on Highway 29. Her Dad would always talk about Phyllis, so I felt like I knew her when I was honored to have her as a teacher. I'm sure that she had positive impact on hundreds of students during her long career. Her obituary is so heartwarming, and my loving thoughts and prayers are extended to her children, grandchildren, all family and friends, including her loving four-legged babies. May God bless all of you as you celebrate the wonderful memories of Phyllis.

Gus Minix, Jr. - January 19, 2018 at 03:29 AM

JE

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Smith's passing. There were several of us girls who spent every school day with her for two years at NHS (There were only 6 girls in the class, so it was a close-knit group!) and we loved our teacher! Sweetest lady ever! She will be missed.

Jennifer Egas - January 18, 2018 at 09:27 PM

SN

“ *Sharman Nash lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Sharman Nash - January 18, 2018 at 09:00 PM

SN

Praying for you Stacey and the rest of the family. Joshua 1:9

Sharman Nash - January 18, 2018 at 09:01 PM

AL

“ *Angela Luckey sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Angela Luckey - January 18, 2018 at 08:24 PM

AL

She was my favorite teacher and always remembered me when she saw me out and about. This angel will truly be missed.

Angela Luckey - January 18, 2018 at 08:27 PM

NP

“ *May God Bless you and Comfort you in your time of sorrow. May her memory live forever in your hearts.*



Nancy Pedersen - January 18, 2018 at 07:57 PM

DS

“ *Debera Dalton Scott lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Debera Dalton Scott - January 18, 2018 at 05:56 PM

RS

“ *Robin Smith lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Robin Smith - January 18, 2018 at 05:45 PM

RS

She was my teacher at Newnan High in the 70's! One of the sweetest teacher I ever had!! Praying that God will comfort her Family 🙏

Robin Smith - January 18, 2018 at 05:49 PM

LT

“ *Leigh Dutton Trisler lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Leigh Dutton Trisler - January 18, 2018 at 03:22 PM

KS

“ *Kathi Sumner lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Kathi Sumner - January 18, 2018 at 01:59 PM

FF

“ *May God comfort the family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.*



Francis Futral - January 18, 2018 at 12:14 PM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry for you all's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! She was one of my favorites* ❤️🙏.



Robin Mann - January 18, 2018 at 11:44 AM

SH

“ *Sara Hunter lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Prince Smith*



Sara Hunter - January 18, 2018 at 10:38 AM