



Susie Grimes Smith

August 7, 1931 - November 24, 2015

1931 was quite a turbulent year for most of the country. Down in Maury County Tennessee, however, a regular boom town had grown up after the turn of the century with the discovery of rich phosphate deposits. Ulna Clarke Grimes had found employment in the mining operations and he and his wife Velma were raising a family that would come to include seven children. Their daughter Susie was born on August 7, 1931. She would be the second oldest of their family. In a very roundabout way Susie lived in Florida with her family for several years and later met a young man while visiting a friend in Franklin, Georgia. Roy Clayton Smith, would come to be known as "Smitty". They were married in 1951 and made Franklin their home. Susie worked at the local hospital. Roy later went to work for Southern Bell and moved their family to Newnan to be closer to his work. Susie was a very detail oriented person so she became a natural as a record keeper and accounting assistant for several local companies in Newnan. Their young family was quite an active bunch and there were many camping trips that revolved around a love of water sports and the outdoors. Life presented some challenges as she suffered the loss of her daughter Patti in 1966 and later her beloved husband Roy in 2008. Susie was much grounded in her faith and was a very active participant in the life of Westside Baptist Church. Susie's quiet passage into eternity came on November 24th while she was hospitalized in Tampa, Florida. She is survived by her children Cindi (and Russ) Tolle; Deborah (and Andy) Melear. She was a loving grandmother to Drew (Connie) Melear, Jeff (Jennifer) Melear, Jennifer

(and Jason) Keffer, Brittany Jones, Brian Jones and Kyle York. Her family would continue to grow as great grandchildren were added to the mix. They are Bryce Melear, Brynlee Melear, Alexa Keffer, Noah Keffer, Carleigh Wright Briley Peterson, Ruby Benner, Chloe Melear and Ryan Melear. Her surviving siblings are Doris (Allen) Collier, Jackie (Ron) Mixon and Kathi Carlson. Funeral arrangements are by McKoon Funeral Home at 38 Jackson Street where the family will receive friends on Saturday, December 5, 2015 between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The funeral service will be on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home with Dr. Melvin Payne officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Susie's memory to The Alzheimer's Association 41 Perimeter Center E Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30346. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mckoon.com. McKoon Funeral Home 770-253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

656 Roscoe Road
Newnan, GA 30263

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
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Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Susie! I worked with her years ago at Yokogawa. She was always so kind and thoughtful! I loved her! I know she will be missed by so many people as she touched so many lives! I went to school with Patti and remember well when we were told she would not be coming back to school. My first brush with a death. Patti was so sweet. Now, Susie is rejoined with Patti! What a lot of rejoicing going on in heaven! I will remember all of you in my prayers. Rest now Susie, you are with the Lord and have no worries or pain.

Cindy Moore Powell - December 05, 2015 at 08:36 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Susie Grimes Smith.



December 03, 2015 at 11:22 AM

DC

“ We'll miss Susie. She was a great friend to my entire family, especially our Mother. Our best to the Smith/Grimes family.

Dennis and Joanne Collier

Dennis Collier - December 03, 2015 at 10:25 AM

RM

“ Cindy, I am so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. She was such a comfort to us when Daddy passed away and she will be truly missed.

Reba Smith Mitchell

Reba Smith Mitchell - December 03, 2015 at 07:51 AM

LT

“ Prayers for comfort and peace to all the family.

Cindi, my thoughts are with you and have been many times over the years. Sending you love and peace.

Lisa (Bonner) Tunstall

Lisa Bonner Tunstall - December 02, 2015 at 01:59 PM

PD

“ Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Pam Driver - December 02, 2015 at 09:50 AM

BO

“ Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Bonita W. Mine

Bonita - December 02, 2015 at 08:20 AM