



Vlessie Lee Smith

July 2, 1936 - May 15, 2023

Vlessie Lee Smith, age 86, A life overflowing with love came to a close Monday, May 15, 2023, at The Journey Home in Dewey Oklahoma. She was born July 2, 1936, in Bartlesville Oklahoma to Charley and Thelma Sanders Gwyn. Vlessie attended Dunbar Elementary School in Dewey Oklahoma and in 1954 graduated from Douglas High School in Bartlesville Oklahoma. She attended Kansas Technical Institute College in Topeka Kansas. Vlessie met and married James Lloyd Smith, Jr. on October 2, 1955, in Kansas City Kansas and made their home in Junction City Kansas. They later moved to Fort Leonard Wood Missouri and made their final home in Dewey Oklahoma. To this union, God blessed the couple with seven children.

Vlessie worked as a domestic engineer for a doctor and attorney in Bartlesville Oklahoma and in 1989, Vlessie moved to Chattanooga Tennessee and worked as a personal home caretaker to a prominent attorney and relative, Christine Gwyn O'Neal. She was a member of Saint Elmo Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga Tennessee, where she served as president of the Sunday School, Reverend Billy Church is the Pastor.

In 2005, Vlessie returned to Dewey to be a caretaker to her mother, Thelma Sanders Gwyn. Vlessie was a faithful member of Westside First Baptist Church in Dewey Oklahoma; Reverend Micheal Diggs, Pastor. In 2010, she became a member of First Baptist Church in Nowata Oklahoma, Reverend Ralph Beavers, Pastor.

Vlessie Lee Smith left many to cherish her memories. Children: Lloyd Charles

Smith, Chattanooga, TN; Michele Renee Beavers and her husband, Ralph, Bartlesville, OK; Bernard Adrian Smith, Chattanooga, TN; Yvette Irene Brown, Atlanta, GA; Theodore Willie Smith, Dewey, OK; Grandchildren Damian Rogers, Bartlesville, OK; NaTasha and her husband Rashad, Crandall, TX; Angela Williams, Bartlesville, OK; JaLeesa Beavers, Tulsa, OK; Randi Smith, Bartlesville, OK; Jordyn Brown, Atlanta, GA; Rikki Catlett, Bartlesville, OK; Brandon Williams, Bartlesville, OK; and Cameron Williams, Bayard, NE; Sisters: Kathryn M. Poncil and her husband Ernest, Madras, OR; Augusta M. Hamilton and her husband Walter, Athens, AL; Patricia A. Anderson, Tulsa, OK and Thelma L. Gwyn Leachman and her husband JB, Bartlesville, OK; And a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Vlessie was preceded in death by both parents Charley and Thelma Gwyn, seven brothers, three sisters; two sons; James Lee and Jerome William Smith, and former husband James Lloyd Smith, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

Highway 75 & Road 1300
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-2272

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Formal Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

MAY **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Westside First Baptist-Dewey
324 North Downing
Dewey, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Vlessie Lee Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM

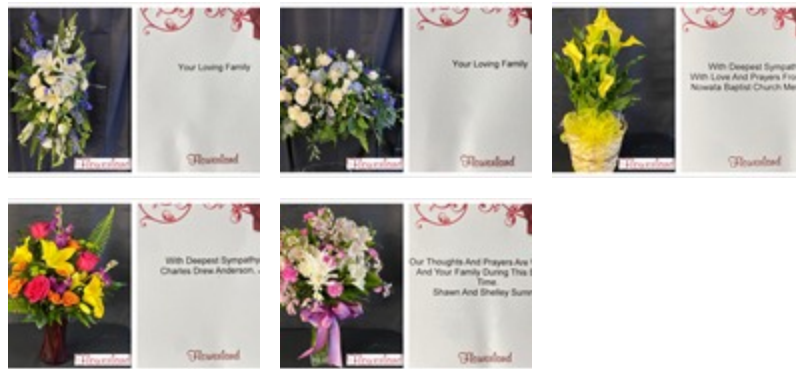


“ *Vlessie Lee Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - May 22, 2023 at 09:00 AM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - May 19, 2023 at 11:56 AM

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“ *She told me she loved me and I was the best nurse many mornings. When I had a student with me, she always told them," she's a good nurse to learn from". Truly gonna miss my Vlessie!*

Shelley Mann LPN charge nurse at BHRC - May 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Mrs. Vlessie Smith my daughter Shainell Morris and I Amber Morris Is going to miss u so much we will always love you and u was a beautiful lady and a good heart and I will like say thank you for everything r.i.p and may God bless you and your family and I will keep your family in my prayers*



Amber Morris - May 16, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vlessie Lee Smith.*



May 16, 2023 at 08:21 PM