



Carol Lea Ekes Smith

April 29, 1943 - January 30, 2023

Carol Lea Ekes Smith (79) passed away in Laurel, MS on Monday, January 30, 2023, and is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Carol was born on April 29, 1943, in Laurel, MS where she grew up and lived most of her life. She attended George S. Gardiner High School and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. Carol was a diligent employee and servant at Jones County Department of Human Services for 25 plus years and reached the position of Director. Family was very important to Carol and she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Carol thoroughly enjoyed fishing, participating in Confederate war re-enactments with her husband, and she enjoyed the friendships and membership with the U.D.C. and S.C.V.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents Otis W. and Mary Lee Ekes, sister Helen E. Wilson, and son-in-law Paul Craven, Jr. She is survived by her husband William "Billy" T. Smith, sister Mary Jaqueline Meyers, son Richard Conrad (Debbie), daughter Gianna Craven, grandsons Andrew Conrad (Kellie) and Nolan Hall (Tonya), and great-grandchildren Isla Conrad, Hali Conrad, Dalton Hall, and Savannah Hall.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, MS from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023 with graveside

service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Ellisville Cemetery in Ellisville, MS. Dr. Richard Clark of Indian Springs Baptist Church will officiate the graveside service.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Ellisville Cemetery

Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Graveside Memorial Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ellisville Cemetery
Corner of Augusta Road and Hwy 29 South
Ellisville, MS 39437

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Smith was a very sweet lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

The Melancons

Christi Melancon - February 07, 2023 at 04:00 PM

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“ We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Smith's family and friends. Brice's Crossroads chapter



Brice's Crossroads Center - February 04, 2023 at 09:38 PM

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“ Billy and Andrea purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carol Lea Ekes Smith.



Billy and Andrea - February 03, 2023 at 09:57 PM

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“ Richard and family: So sorry for the loss of your mother. Our prayers and thoughts will be with your family in the days ahead.

*David & Angela Rudolph
Nell Gieger*

Angela Rudolph - February 02, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carol Lea Ekes Smith.



January 31, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carol Lea Ekes Smith.



January 31, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Just heartbroken over Carol's death. She was a true Southern lady.
Linda Hudson

Linda Hudson - January 31, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Beth Johnson - January 31, 2023 at 05:58 PM