



Elizabeth Ann Smith

June 7, 1935 - November 3, 2025

Elizabeth Smith, age 90, of Laurel, MS, passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Brookdale Memory Care in Hattiesburg, MS.

Elizabeth was born June 7, 1935 in Moss Point, MS.

Elizabeth was an active member of Salem Heights Baptist Church and a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Religious Education degree.

She has served as a financial/administrative assistant throughout Jones County in church related work. She also served as a pianist/organist in several churches. During her retirement, she enjoyed traveling, working in her yard, exercising in water aerobics, singing at different nursing homes, feeding the birds and spending time with friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Melvin Smith; parents, Artis and Maude Wilkerson; sister, Blanche Simmons; and brother, Arnold (Lenelle) Simmons.

Elizabeth is survived by her three children, Rachel (Alex) Chaney of Hokes Bluff, AL, Belinda (Bruce) Ratcliff of Columbia, MS, and Philip (Stephanie) Smith of Laurel, MS; seven grandchildren, Sarah (Brian) Platt, Meredith

(Matthew) Ledbetter, Nathan Chaney, Mallory Ratcliff, Jordan (Braxton) Rustin, Kynlee Smith and Cruz Smith; great-granddaughter, Anna Kathryn Platt; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Friday, November 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at Salem Heights Baptist Church, Laurel, MS.

Pallbearers will be Nathan Chaney, Brian Platt, Cruz Smith, Matthew Ledbetter, Braxton Rustin and Dylan Butler. Honorary pallbearers are Randy Smith, Kirk Smith, Kevin Smith, Chris Creel, Dirk Creel, Greg Smith and Dane Allen Gardner.

A special thank you to Brookdale Memory Care for their gracious and compassionate care of Elizabeth for nearly four years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Gideons International.

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

Cemetery Details

Salem Heights Baptist Church Cemetery

5850 Hwy 84 West
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Salem Heights Baptist Church
5850 Hwy 84 W
Laurel, MS 39443

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Smith.



November 06, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ I remember Elizabeth from West Laurel Baptist Church. She was our sweet secretary. It was here that she met and married Melvin. They were a special part of our church family for many years. I will be praying for her family and the extended family. Ann Rose Martin Howell

Ann Rose Martin Howell - November 06, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Doug and Mistie Scott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elizabeth Ann Smith.



Doug and Mistie Scott - November 05, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Doug and Mistie Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Ann Smith.

Doug and Mistie Scott - November 05, 2025 at 01:57 PM