



Flora Viola Story

April 1, 1936 - January 23, 2026

Flora Viola Campbell Smith Story peacefully passed from this life on Friday, January 23, 2026, at Comfort Care Nursing Center. Viola was born April 1, 1936, in Eastland County, TX to J. (Jack) and Flora Itery Luttrell Campbell.

Viola married Odell Smith on December 1, 1952. They shared 47 years together, raising their son and four daughters at their home in the Sharon Community. Sadly, Odell passed in February 2000. Later, in November 2001, Viola married Harvey Story. The two of them enjoyed traveling to Texas, especially family reunions in Cisco until his health declined and he passed away in February 2022.

Viola was small in stature but was very spirited and known for her feistiness. She had several names and titles, wife, mother, Viola, Bolie, Aunt Bolie, Sis and her favorite Mamaw. She was a hard worker and believed in staying busy. Through the years she worked at TG&Y, Kux Jewelers, excelled in selling Avon, and retired from the US Postal Service as a rural letter carrier. Viola loved working in her yard, watching her flowers grow and bloom and watching the birds, especially hummingbirds.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Odell Smith and Harvey Story and her beloved son, James Odell Smith. Viola is also preceded in death by her parents; Jack and Flora Campbell, brothers; Ed Campbell and Roy Gene

Campbell, sisters; Frances Miller, Velma Lundy and Betty Story.

She is survived by her brother, Johnny Campbell of Bloomfield, New Mexico, Daughters; Flora (Phil) Sims, Linda (Billy) Hill, Betty (Billy) Gray and Susan (Mike) Blakeney, daughter-in-law; Judy Lynn Smith.

Her grandchildren are Michael (Bridget) Sims, Jamye (Tim) Adams, Daniel (Monica) Hill Ashley (Tim) Beard, Jennifer (Bruce) Gable, Jacky (Tuddy) Spradley, Julie (Shea) Smith, Nathan (Chloe) Gray, Katy (Matt) Zazain, Jeffery Blakeney, and Matthew (Holly Blakeney). There are 15 great grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Viola also leaves behind her bonus son and loving neighbor, Joey Toler.

Services will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, Mississippi. Visitation is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. with funeral service following at 10:00 a.m. at Memory Chapel.

Burial will be at First Baptist Church of Sharon. Officiating will be Bro. Steve Harris and Bro. Bill Langley.

Serving as pall bearers will be grandsons; Michael Sims, Tuddy Spradley, Bruce Gable, Jeffery Blakeney, Matthew Blakeney and Tim Beard. Honorary pallbearers will be sons-in-law, Phil Sims, Billy Hill, Billy Gray and Mike Blakeney.

The family would like to thank the West Wing staff at Comfort Care Nursing Center for taking such good care of our mother during her stay there.

To view or sign the online guest book, please visit: www.memorychappellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Sharon Cemetery

4375 Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
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Tribute Wall

KR

“ We will miss visiting Bolie. She always had sweets for the boys and always had great family stories to share. We are thinking and praying for her remaining family as we remember her kind heart, warm smile and happy memories.

Kressy, J.B., Bryce and Gabriel Raasch - January 27 at 02:27 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Flora Viola Story.



January 26 at 04:44 PM

LB

“ Library Staff and Board purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Flora Viola Story.



Library Staff and Board - January 25 at 06:02 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Flora Viola Story.



January 25 at 12:16 PM

DJ

“ Donna bill J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flora Viola Story.

Donna bill J. - January 25 at 10:43 AM

SF

“ Story Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Flora Viola Story.



Story Family - January 25 at 08:21 AM

JF

“ James & Kathy Story and Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Flora Viola Story.



James & Kathy Story and Family - January 24 at 07:41 PM

TC

“ The LR Campbells purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Flora Viola Story.



The LR Campbells - January 24 at 07:15 PM

TC

“ The LR Campbells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flora Viola Story.

The LR Campbells - January 24 at 07:15 PM

JS

“ John & Kim Sims purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Flora Viola Story.



John & Kim Sims - January 24 at 06:42 PM

JH

“ Jerry and LaNay Hall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Flora Viola Story.



Jerry and LaNay Hall - January 24 at 05:48 PM

JC

“ Johnny (Joy) we will miss our sister. She always brought happiness & love to the family.
How will we go on without her?

Johnny (Joy) Campbell - January 24 at 04:52 PM

KJ

“ So sorry for your loss, Ms Viola was such a sweet lady. I always remember her in her selling Avon. Lifting you all up in prayers for the peace and comfort that you need.

Kimberly Johnson - January 24 at 02:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Flora Viola Story.



January 24 at 01:45 PM



“ Nathan and Cloe Gray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Flora Viola Story.

Nathan and Cloe Gray - January 24 at 12:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Flora Viola Story.



January 24 at 12:47 PM