



Margie Simpson Smith

November 18, 1927 - October 27, 2023

Margie was born on November 18, 1927 at home in Cohay, Miss. to William Wesley and Audrey McIntosh Simpson. She was the eldest of three children. In 1936 when she was nine years old, her family moved to Laurel. She graduated from George S. Gardiner High School in 1946. In January of 1946 she met William Haskel Smith on a Laurel city bus, and they married on June 22 of that year. In June of 2017 they celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary, shortly before Haskel passed away at age 92. In 1962 she started work at the Laurel Leader Call as a proofreader and worked there for many years until retiring to spend time with her grandson. She was a lifelong member of Kingston United Method Church, and was a founding member of Happy Times School for children with disabilities in Laurel. After being an almost lifelong resident of Laurel, in 2020 she moved to Birmingham, Ala. to live with her daughter and son-in-law, and in 2022 moved with them to Albuquerque, N.M. to be near her grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her daughter Patricia Jan "Patti" Smith. She is survived by her daughter Peggie Smith Gilbert and son-in-law Jeff Gilbert of Rio Rancho, N.M., her grandson Kline Gilbert and grandson-in-law (and favorite personal chef) Drew Cabaniss of Albuquerque, N.M., her brother Wesley Simpson and his wife Iram Simpson of Laurel, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and three adopted dogs. Margie is also survived by her longtime friend Beverly Ann

Abernathy of Laurel, and was preceded in death by her lifelong childhood friend Betty Chapman of Memphis, Tenn.

Per Margie's wishes, a graveside service will be held at Hickory Grove Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st, with burial to follow. The pall bearers will be John Flowers, David Ford, Bill Laws, Jack Walker, and Kevin Walker.

In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests that memorials in Margie's name be made to Happy Healthy Pet Adoption, P.O. Box 825 Bay Springs, MS 39422.

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

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Peggy, I am so sad to read of your sweet mother's passing. Miss Margie was a delightful southern, genteel lady. We would have such interesting conversations. Heaven has a new angel. My sympathy to all your family.*
Rosie A. Pitts

Rosie Pitts - October 29, 2023 at 08:06 PM