



## Shannon Smith

December 6, 1981 - October 23, 2011

Shannon Elayne (Reynolds) Smith age 29 went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Sunday morning October 23, 2011 while holding her husband's hand at their home. Shannon was born in Athens on December 6, 1981 the daughter of Don and Patricia (Mills) Reynolds. Her mother preceded her in death earlier this year. Shannon was raised in Athens where she was a member of Woodward Avenue Church of God. She earned her Bachelor's degree in elementary education at Bryan College and her Master's degree in urban education at UTC. She was a first grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary and then lead first grade teacher at Birchwood Elementary School. She lived in Birchwood since 2008 where she was a member of Birchwood Baptist Church. Shannon enjoyed cake decorating, crafts, cooking, scrapbooking, photography, card making and above all her family. Shannon is survived by her husband Justin Paul Smith of Birchwood, her son, Will Smith at home, her dad, Don Reynolds of Athens and her sister Ashley (Justin) Taylor of Cleveland along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Shannon's family will receive friends Tuesday after 3:00pm in Rudd Chapel at Bryan College in Dayton where funeral services for her will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30pm with Rev. Dave Delmotte and Rev. Wayne Fritts officiating. She will be laid to rest Wednesday at 12 noon in the Birchwood Baptist Church Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Shannon on her online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton. (423)  
775-2662

For directions to Bryan College go to : <http://www.bryan.edu/directions>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Rudd Chapel  
Bryan College  
Dayton, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ My son goes to Birchwood School but I knew Shannon before he started. I had her as a patient at Memorial Hospital. She was the best patient and we talked alot that night. Then I found out that she taught at the same school my son would attend. What I remember most was her love for Jesus. She had such a great outlook on life and determination. Her smile lit up the whole room. I'm grateful to have known her. My prayers are with her husband and son, Will. May God give you all comfort.##imported-begin##charlene wells##imported-end##

---

October 26, 2011 at 07:37 AM



“ I never got to meet Shannon, but I know her husband through attending elementary school and one semester at Bryan with him. I know from what I have read on her CaringBridge page and keeping in touch with her through Facebook that she was a very sweet person and had a big heart for others. She will be missed dearly. I wish I had gotten the chance to meet her and tell her what an inspiration she has been to me through her story.

May God bless the family and hold them close during this time of grief and loss.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Crystal McClure##imported-end##

---

October 25, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ Shannon and I taught Youth at Westwood Baptist Church several years ago. She was always smiling and a joy to be with. I also have so many happy memories of our times together. My heart is hurting for her precious family that she loved so much. I will continue to lift you in prayer. May you find strength in HIM during the days ahead. Lots of love and prayers .  
Shelley###imported-begin##Shelley McCarter###imported-end##

---

October 25, 2011 at 07:05 PM



“ Don, Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. I remember Shannon as a beautiful, smiling, giggling little blond haired girl! Pat, Deb and I took a sewing class when the kids were young, and I will never forget those memories. I pray that the Lord will soothe your broken heart and that you will find comfort in the love of your girls.  
Kathy Cawlfild###imported-begin##Kathy Kyker Cawlfild###imported-end##

---

October 25, 2011 at 03:23 PM



“ Praying for all the family and friends for the lost of an amazing women. I only met her a few times but she is one amazing creation the lord has made. Hold the memories deep to your heart! No matter where you will be in life she will always be right there with you! Love you all and need anything please call. I am praying for you and your family.###imported-begin##Rachel Cockerham###imported-end##

---

October 25, 2011 at 10:12 AM



“ Shannon was a dear friend in college, and I am sorry we lost touch over the years. I will always remember her spunky personality and the great times we had in school together. My prayers are with her family as they grieve her loss. I will always be glad to have called her my friend.##imported-begin##Kathleen Gleason##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ My heart goes out to Don, Ashley-Kaye, Justin, Will, and family! Shannon was always such a bright spot of encouragement to me in our years at B.C.! She was always so upbeat, hilarious, and pointed me to the Lord in encouraging notes or in passing. My only regret is that I hadn't seen or talked to her in years...when we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be! "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15  
My love, sympathy, and prayers for you all,  
Cilla Pearson  
class of 2004##imported-begin##Priscilla Pearson, class of 2004  
##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 12:26 PM



“ My prayers are with you all as you grieve the loss of this amazing woman. She was a testimony of how to walk in faith and persevere through hardship. I know you will take comfort in knowing she is with our Lord and Savior. I will pray that He will wrap His arms around you all and give you His comfort that only He can give. Much love, Lisanne Boling##imported-begin##Lisanne##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you Justin, Will, Don, Ashley and all of the family. We love you all.##imported-begin##Patty Will##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ I teach Computer Science at Bryan and met Shannon while she was a student. I have followed her story and journey during the time since Ashley set up her Careing Bridge page. I greatly admire her and her family for their unfailing devotion to God. Thank you for your witness. May God bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Earl T. Reed##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 10:31 AM



“ Shannon was a student of mine at Bryan and I recall her zest for life, her zeal for learning, her heart for serving others. Although I am grieving the loss of Shannon from her earthly residence, I am praising God that she is now at her true home with Him and that she is no longer suffering. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace. Dana (Kennedy) Wilson##imported-begin##Dana (Kennedy) Wilson##imported-end##

---

October 24, 2011 at 08:34 AM