



## Thelma Smith

November 22, 1920 - April 26, 2012

Thelma Novella Smith, age 91, of Evensville, died Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Spring City Life Care Center. A lifelong resident of Rhea County, she was born November 22, 1920 to the late John and Martha (Turner) Smith. She was also preceded in death by her husband Samuel Carroll Smith, two sons, Larry Smith and Billy Ray Smith and grandson Jonathan Potter.

She worked for Rhea Medical Center for twelve years and she loved to quilt. She was a member of Hilltop Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son J.C. (Dot) Smith of Evensville, three daughters, Janie (Dean) Pritchett of Atlanta, Mary (Charles) Kelly of Rockwood and Sue (Tony) Potter of Dayton, thirteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Thelma will be Sunday at 2:00 pm in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Bob Bogue and Rev. Billy Joe Vitatoe officiating. Burial, followed by a white dove release will be in the Add Smith Cemetery.

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

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Saturday from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

# Tribute Wall



“ I was blessed to have worked with your Mom at the RMC, we cleaned and talked many a day together. I'm sorry to say I just learned of your Moms passing. Of all the family I know you the closest Sue. I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You all have been in our prayers for awhile now with the recent birth of your grandchild, and will continue to pray for each one of you. We've shared many times together Sue, and I'm proud to call you my Sister in the Lord. I look forward to sharing the best part of life with you all, in heaven.##imported-begin##Julie Kaylor##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Smith was such a great example of a Christian. I had attended church with her most of my life at Bogles & Hilltop until moving to Cleveland. Anyone that knew her could see how much she loved the Lord. My family will keep the family in ours prayers. She you in heaven! Love, Carl & April , Delaney Swilling##imported-begin##April (Watson) Swilling##imported-end##

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“ *Thelma was always such an amazing light to my day every day that I saw her. She is one of the sweetest, strongest women I've ever known with the most beautiful hair & smile that would brighten up even the darkest days. It has been a privilege for me to get to know her. JC you made her day every single day by coming to eat breakfast with her, it meant the world to her. She loved her family so much. She will be so deeply missed by all of us that had the honor of knowing her, but it makes me smile through the tears knowing that she is no longer in any pain & can walk the streets of gold with her beautiful hair flowing smiling her gorgeous smile without a care in the world. I know you all are hurting deeply but I hope & pray peace comes to you in knowing she is now in the presence of the Lord. I love you all & will continue to pray for you everyday & know that she will always be missed by us that love her bc she became apart of our family as well. God bless ;)*###imported-begin###*Natasha Dannel RN @ SCCRC* ###imported-end##

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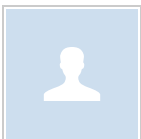
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“ *Janie and Family, We are Praying for you, Your sweet mom is no longer suffering, She is having the time of her life being with her sweet husband. and seeing our God. Love and Prayers. David and Elaine*###imported-begin###*Elaine Rhodes*###imported-end##

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“ *Susan , So sorry we have not been in touch since Dilbert died. But I have thought of you-all often. your Mom was a very warm and caring person.  
Love your cousin Faye*###imported-begin###*Faye Smith-Fiske*###imported-end##

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“ I had the privilege of becoming a neighbor to Thelma and her family when I was 14. I grew to love the entire family, and we have had many wonderful times together growing up. Thelma and my mother shared the same birthday and many conversations concerning their sewing, quilting, cooking, and of course, children and grandchildren. My heart breaks to look at the two empty houses that were filled with so much love and laughter, but I know that our parents are in a better place and we will always have those wonderful memories. Thelma was a beautiful and caring person both inside and out. I will dearly miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family who loved her so much.##imported-begin##Dorothy Thurman Allen##imported-end##

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“ I will miss her, she was like a Mother to me...she loved her family...it always meant so much to her when everyone would gather at her house to eat....man she could cook...I remember when she made that eclair cake... Tony and Wade would try to hide it...Lol...I love her...always have ...always will and I know she loved me. She always made me feel it too...and she was always there for me....She's at peace now ...##imported-begin##Carol Pritchett##imported-end##

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