



Josephine McLester Smith

February 12, 1929 - July 10, 2025

Josephine Louise McLester Smith, 96, of Mooresville, NC, peacefully passed away surrounded by her loved ones, July 10, 2025.

Mrs. Smith was born February 12, 1929, in Cabarrus County to Jappie "Jake" Lonzo McLester and Mary Elizabeth Faggart McLester who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of nearly sixty-five years, Rev. E.A. "Dick" Smith and her son, David Phillip Smith, her brother Aubrey Lonzo McLester (Edith) of Concord, sister Annie Belle Stone (Rayvon) of St. Paul's, and sister, Mary Alice McLester (Homer) also of Concord.

She graduated from Mt Pleasant High School (Class of 1947). She and her husband married in 1949 and in 1955 founded Calvary Foursquare Church, Concord. Following their thirteen years of service there, they pastored Community Foursquare Church, now Abundant Life, Mooresville. Afterwards, Mrs. Smith and her husband served in the Children's Ministry of First Foursquare Church, Concord.

Mrs. Smith retired from Burlington Industries in 1994. She enjoyed canning, sewing, babysitting her grandchildren, baking pound cakes for friends, family, and various fundraisers for causes dear to her heart. Mrs. Smith avidly read her Bible daily; often regarded as a "Prayer Warrior" by family and friends devoting her life to prayer and humble service to her loved ones, friends, community and to her Savior. Her kindness was renowned as was her gentle spirit.

Surviving Mrs. Smith are her son, Steven Paul Smith of Atlanta, GA; her daughter, Pamela Smith (Earl) Killian of Mooresville; her grandsons, Henry Killian, Joseph (Jenny) Killian, and Clifford Killian of Mooresville. The delight of her later years were her great-grandsons, Jackson, Hendrick, Collin, and Conner! Her nieces and nephews brought her such joy with birthday and Christmas cards as well as phone calls and visits. The "Cousins Gatherings" were always happy events with great food and laughter and memories of times past.

The family will receive friends on Monday, July 14 from 9:30-11:00 AM with a service following at 11:00 AM at the chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at Miami Baptist Church Cemetery in Concord, NC.

The family gratefully acknowledges the loving care shown to our mother during this time by the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice staff and volunteers of Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the following: Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County (2347 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625 <https://www.hoic.org/>), Abundant Life Foursquare Church (123 Foursquare Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115 <https://www.al.church/>) Calvary/New Vision Foursquare Church (PO Box 849, Paw Creek, NC 28130) or to the charity of one's choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Smith family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Miami Baptist Church

Concord, NC 28025

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JUL 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Miami Baptist Church Cemetery
6701 Miami Church Road
Concord, NC 28025

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *Brenda and Rickey Westbrook purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephine McLester Smith.*



Brenda and Rickey Westbrook - July 12, 2025 at 03:58 PM

AC

“ *Andrew & Carlos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Louise Smith.*

Andrew & Carlos - July 11, 2025 at 10:59 PM

AC

“ *Andrew & Carlos purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josephine McLester Smith.*



Andrew & Carlos - July 11, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RC

“ *Raul Camacho purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Josephine McLester Smith.*



Raul Camacho - July 11, 2025 at 08:28 PM

WG

“ To the family, So sorry for your loss. I worked with Jo many years at Burlington Industries. She was a precious lady. Kind to all. May God and your precious memories help you through this sad time.

Wanda Golden
Mooreville. N.C.

Wanda Golden - July 11, 2025 at 07:13 PM

TB

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Smith’s passing. I have known Steve for 40 plus years and always enjoyed his family stories when he returned to Atlanta after visiting. I knew his parents to be kind and involved in their community. In addition to that, they raised a very fine son. May the entire family cherish all their memories of their wonderful Mom. Deepest condolences, Terry Bane.

Terry Bane - July 11, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DP

I was one of Mrs. Smiths mail carriers and always enjoyed chatting with her and Mr. Smith before his passing. They were a very Godly couple and we know she is enjoying being with him again. ❤️

Debbie Plyler - July 11, 2025 at 06:45 PM

FP

“ Fred Poggemeyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Louise Smith.

Fred Poggemeyer - July 11, 2025 at 03:31 PM

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“ Fred Poggemeyer purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Josephine McLester Smith.



Fred Poggemeyer - July 11, 2025 at 03:31 PM

LB

“ Ms. Jo was the best at loving others and showing her support and always praying! She truly was someone who loved Jesus and displayed His characteristics! We all love Ms Jo and she will be missed! Praying for the family! We love you all!!



Lisa Barnett - July 11, 2025 at 03:18 PM