



Gwendolyn Kay Collier Smith

July 16, 1952 - January 16, 2016

Gwendolyn Kay Collier Smith was born on July 16th, 1952 in Lawrenceburg, TN and departed life on January 16th, 2016 in Pulaski, TN. Gwendolyn was the youngest daughter of the late Edward and Doris Collier.

Gwendolyn was united in holy matrimony to Kenneth E. Smith on October 3, 1975 and to this union three children were born.

She professed hope in Christ and was baptized at an early age under the leadership of Brother Young at Deller Street Original Church of God in Lawrenceburg, TN. She served as a youth Sunday school teacher and was a member of the choir. Later, she joined Willow Grove M. B. Church and was active in the choir and served as a youth Sunday school teacher.

Gwen was a 1970 graduate of Lawrence County High School. She was first employed at Lincoln Life in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Upon returning to Lawrenceburg, TN, she was employed at Murray Ohio Manufacturing where she dedicated her services for 23 years. Later, she made a career change and worked for NHC Home Health in Lawrenceburg, TN.

Gwen enjoyed spending as much time as possible with her (3) children and (5) grandchildren by laughing with them and showing interest in their lives and motivating them to excel in their goals. She was a very compassionate person and loved people. She was an excellent listener and continuously encouraged people wherever she went. She enjoyed reading novels, shopping, gardening, and spending time with family. Gwen spent time encouraging many friends and family.

Gwen sponsored three children from Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Burundi for the past 16 years. Her financial support helped to provide these girls with schools and medical assistance through World Vision.

Gwen leaves to mourn her passing her devoted husband of 40 years Kenneth Smith of Prospect, TN.

Daughter Nicole (Terry) Grigsby of Athens, AL. Son Corey (Meshan) Smith of Charlotte, NC. Daughter Stephanie Smith/Terry Teague of Murfreesboro, TN. Grandsons Terry Glen & Nicholas Grigsby of Athens, AL. Granddaughter Kendall Teague of Murfreesboro, TN. Grandson George Alan of Murfreesboro, TN. Granddaughter Kailey Smith of Charlotte, NC. Sister Patricia (Alvon) Morton of Iron City, TN. Uncle Terry (Marsha) Looper of Shelbyville, TN. Aunts Marion Manus, Millie Stewart, Cora James, Vivian (Arlie) Hatch, and Helen Collier. Great aunts Bernice (Jay) Brown & Maude Taylor. Sister-In-Laws Estella Smith, Marjorie (Larry) Bass, Linda (Johnny) Wright, & Sharon (Sam) Braden. Brother-In-Laws Winford (Ruby) Smith, Willie (Norma) Smith, Joe (Kathy) Smith, James Smith, Terry (Sheila) Smith, and Richard (Lynn) Smith. Her beloved Godson Justin Morris.

Visitation will be 11 o'clock until 12:00 Thursday, January 21, 2016, at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home.

The funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home. The burial will follow in Giles Memory Gardens. Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ *Wishing you peace and comfort at this most difficult time. With deepest condolences. Kathy Thomas, NHC Pulaski Tn.*

Kathy Thomas - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

SL

“ *Kenneth, Nicole, Corey, and Stephanie*

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Cousin Gwen was a dear woman that has always had a special place in our hearts. Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our dearly departed. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, our most heartfelt condolences. We like to think that when we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. We believe that Cousin Gwen will be an angel to watch over you now. We extend our most sincere condolences to you.

*The Loopers,
Elizabeth, Shannon, Blaine and Nicole*

Shannon Looper - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

CB

“ *To Ken and family, my mother and I send you our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace during this time. Former co-worker, Celesta Bridgeforth and mother, Celestine Bridgeforth*

Celesta Bridgeforth - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

LW

“ Our family sends sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one Gwen. She will be missed. Mother Mary A. Wade and Laurie

Laurie Wade - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

NG

“ To Bro. Ken and Family, we extend our deepest sympathy and love to you and your family during this time of sorrow. Your hearts will hurt but know that there is ONE who can turn each tear of sorrow and pain into tears of joy in time. Trust Him and know that He will not leave you comfortless.

Humbly submitted,

Nathan & Regina Gilbert

Nathan & Regina Gilbert - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

PH

“ Gwen was such a beautiful loving friend. She was the kind of friend that you never remember when you became friends, but more like friends all your life...in the spirit. We had great talks at the Rec Center and prayed together many times. I send love and comfort to the family and rejoice that we will meet again, where there is no pain or tear. Bro. Ken, I just now found out about Gwen and am saddened that I did not respond to you sooner. Know that I hold you in my highest respect and am praying for you and your family.

Pat Hendrix - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

KT

“ Lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Kay Collier Smith

Kathy Thomas - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM

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“ *May God give you comfort and peace. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, My most heartfelt condolences goes out to the Smith and Looper Family.*

S. Taylor - February 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM