



Faye Jackson Smith

January 8, 1946 - September 25, 2024

Funeral services for Faye Jackson Smith age 78 will be conducted at 12 PM on Saturday, September 28, 2024 in the Chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville with Rev. David Perry officiating. Interment will follow in Black Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 AM until the service hour.

Faye was born in Greenville, South Carolina in 1946 and then grew up in Bogart, Georgia where she graduated from Oconee High school. She later married and moved to Milledgeville in her mid-twenties. She graduated from Truett McConnell University, University of Georgia, and Georgia College. Faye taught first grade in Baldwin County for 30 years. Throughout her career as a teacher she was an active member of the Baldwin Association of Educators. She also served as president of the Georgia Association of Educators for a two year term. After her career as an educator, Faye was elected as the first female State Senator for the 25th District and served three terms. She also served as a Baldwin County Commissioner. Faye also worked at Overview of Milledgeville, and was a special education teacher at the Craig Building at Central State Hospital. Finally, she was a substitute teacher at Blandly Hills Elementary and the Early Learning Center in the Baldwin County School System. She was a long time member of Black Springs Baptist Church.

Faye was predeceased by her parents, Chester and Ina Jackson; her brother, O'Neal Jackson; and her sister, Betty Jackson.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, Tommy Smith; daughters, Yvonne Thompson (Randy) and Dana Butts; stepsons, Tom Smith (Kem) and Tim Smith (Chrissy); grandchildren, Makayla, Tripp, Tyler, Logan, Thomas, Kylie (Josh), Kara (John), and Allison (Julian); and great grandchild, Alyssa.

A special thank you to the staff of Georgia Hospice Care.

Cemetery Details

Black Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

673 Sparta Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville
1670 N. Jefferson St.
Milledgeville, GA 31061
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Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 12:00 PM.

Chapel Of Williams Funeral Home Of Milledgeville

Tribute Wall



“ Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory created a Webcast will start approximately 10 minutes before the service in memory of Faye Jackson Smith



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 28, 2024 at 01:55 PM

LY

Faye I'm sorry to hear about this sad news. I know you will be missed by a lot of people. Prayers for your family

lois Youngblood - September 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

LY

Lois and Garvis

lois Youngblood - September 30, 2024 at 05:28 PM

KD

“ Ms. “Butts” Smith as I remember her was my favorite 1st grade teacher at Southside Elementary School 1972-73. I will never forget her and her love of a Grapefruit at lunchtime. My prayers and deepest sympathies to you family.
Kim Stone Daniel

Kim Stone Daniel - October 02, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JS

“ James Snellgrove and Brenda Snellgrove lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



James Snellgrove and Brenda Snellgrove - October 01, 2024 at 12:42 AM

MB

“ Tommy and family, I am very sorry for your loss. I am sending prayers for peace and comfort for you all.



Mark Bailey - September 30, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MP

“ A very dedicated Lady and great service to the state of GA. Much love and prayers for Tommy. B. Marion Pennington

Marion Pennington - September 30, 2024 at 10:15 AM

PA

“ Mrs. Smith was my first grade school teacher. A wonderful woman with a gentle soul. My deepest condolences



Pamela Jones Anderson - September 30, 2024 at 03:32 AM

CB

“ YT, Thinking of you in the loss of your mother. Love you much.

Carol Harrington Brock - September 29, 2024 at 12:27 PM

LM

“ Faye was a very memorable Lady. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther and Berta and Friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery 🙏❤️🙏



Luther Minor - September 28, 2024 at 09:43 AM

DS

I met Faye at Southside school. Back then I knew her as Mrs. Butts was a sweet, kind and great teacher. You will truly be missed. My you continue to rest in Heaven 🥹🙏💜

Dexter Stephens - September 29, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LT

“ MY HEART IS SADDEN TO HEAR THE PASSING OF MS. SMITH. I'VE BEEN ASKING OF HER PRESENT. I MET MS. FAYE WHILE I WORKED AT "GOODY'S CLOTHING STORE". SHE APPROACHED ME ASKING WHENEVER I COME TO SHOP YOU ALWAYS HAVE ON HIGH HEELS I REPLIED "YES" I CAN'T WALK WITHOUT THEM. WHEN I DON'T HAVE THEM ON I FEEL UNDRESSED. WE BOTH LAUGH!! SHE STATED I FEEL THE SAME WAY TOO. SO, WHENEVER SHE WOULD COME INTO THE STORE SHE ALWAYS SAY " YOU GOT YOUR HEELS ON? REST IN PEACE MS. FAYE SMITH.WELL DONE FAITHFUL SEVERANT/ GOODNITE.

LORRAINE TRAWICK-TAYLOR - September 28, 2024 at 03:04 AM

SB

I was saddened to hear of Faye's passing. I taught school with her at Southside Elementary. She was quite a character with a heart of gold in high heels!!!! I thought highly of her. She was so proud of her girls, Yvonne and Dana. Sharon L Breiner

sharon L Breiner - September 29, 2024 at 02:06 PM

MK

I am just learning about the death of Faye Smith. I met her when I was student teaching at Northside School in Milledgeville. There was a meeting there with all of the teachers of young children in the county, and a woman with high heels and lipstick walked in, dressed from head to toe, vibrant and filled with joy. I was to learn that the woman was Faye Smith, and whenever I interacted with her for over 30 years, she was as friendly and as beautiful as the first time I met her. May sweet memories of her flood your mind and heart each day.

Marilyn Knox - October 02, 2024 at 08:58 AM

TS

“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers to Tommy and his family.



Tammy Servos - September 27, 2024 at 10:42 PM

JD

“ Julie and Robby Deason lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Julie and Robby Deason - September 27, 2024 at 08:51 PM

MS

“ Marie spivey lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Marie spivey - September 27, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ We loved her

Dixon Charleen - September 27, 2024 at 04:38 PM

ED

“ So sorry for the loss of Faye. She was a great person. We really loved her very much. Prayers for all of her family 🙏❤️



Edward Dixon - September 27, 2024 at 04:29 PM

WJ

“ Wright Banks, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Wright Banks, Jr. - September 27, 2024 at 03:29 PM

LD

“ My deepest sympathy to the Smith family. Praying for strength during this time.



Lisa Davis - September 27, 2024 at 08:50 AM

GP

“ Yvonne and family my thoughts and prayers goes out to the family.

GwynNett Phillips - September 26, 2024 at 11:44 PM

EB

“ *Eunice Butts lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith*



Eunice Butts - September 26, 2024 at 11:09 PM

PC

“ *Patricia Chatman lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith*



Patricia Chatman - September 26, 2024 at 10:55 PM

SL

“ *Sara Lundy lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith*



Sara Lundy - September 26, 2024 at 09:38 PM

SC

“ *My sincere condolences to family and friends of Faye. She was a lady with grace and spunk! I knew her from GAE and GA General Assembly.*



*Grace and Peace,
Dr. Sid Chapman, GAE President 2014-2018*

Sid Chapman - September 26, 2024 at 09:36 PM

AN

“ Yvonne and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your Mama.
She was such a sweet lady.
You all are in my thoughts and prayers.



angeliaburgamy@gmail.com - September 26, 2024 at 08:21 PM

CR

“ She was one of the best teachers ever, she
will truly be missed!



Carol Reeves - September 26, 2024 at 07:23 PM

SR

“ I don't think I've ever seen anyone strut in heels like Mrs Smith. She
was my first grade teacher at Southside. Always kept me in line,
even if she had to use those nails. She was definitely a gem. Truly
will be missed. Take your rest beautiful ❤️

Shamore Roach - September 26, 2024 at 07:07 PM

MS

“ My 1st grade teacher at Southside Elementary...Rest in Heaven
(Mrs.Butts).... You Never forgotten Me When We Would Run Into
Each Other❤️My Condolences To The Family 🙏🙏

MALISSA Simmons Scott - September 26, 2024 at 07:01 PM

GB

“ Faye graciously shared her office with me in the Craig Building at CSH for several years as I was a part-time SLP. She and I had a wonderful time working with our under 21 students there. Such a genuinely fun and sweet person who loved each of those students so well! She always talked about her family and how much she loved each of you! Ginger Bragg

Ginger Bragg - September 26, 2024 at 06:29 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Smith, she was my first grade teacher. Such a beautiful person inside and out. My condolences to the family and may God's peace carry you all through this difficult time .



Sharon Hammitt - September 26, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JK

“ Yvonne,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I pray for peace and comfort for you and your sister.

Julie Knighton - September 26, 2024 at 05:57 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family 🙏

Angie Mosley-Smith - September 26, 2024 at 05:47 PM

HD

“ Condolences to Tommy and family for your loss.



Harry Day - September 26, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DS

My condolences to Yvonne and Makayla. I was Makayla 's 3 year old teacher at Learning Safari, "Miss Donna." Prayers lifted up for you and your family. 🙏✝️

Donna Stubbs - September 27, 2024 at 02:07 AM

JH

“ Faye was a sweet beautiful lady. Full of love for family, students ,and served our country well. I can see her dancing in her little high heels with Tommy at square dances in our area. God be with her family.



Jo Ann Hartley - September 26, 2024 at 04:19 PM

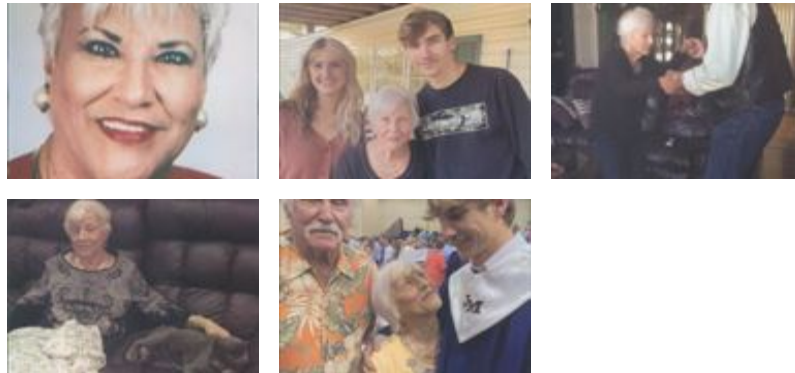
KR

“ Yvonne and Tommy I am so sorry to her about Faye. I have loved her since the first time I met her!! Such a classy lady!! No other woman could rock those high heels like Faye!!!

Keith Rex - September 26, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ 132 files added to the album LifeTributes



Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory - September 26, 2024 at 03:30 PM

Jl

“ Oh, how I hate to see this...thank you, Faye, for your friendship and fun over the years. I can see you walking Southside School in your high heels!! You were always so responsive when you were a state senator. RIP, my friend. Hugs to all the family.

Judy Prosser Ivey - September 26, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JW

“ My deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers go out to the entire family. Mrs. Smith was such a great person with an awesome spirit. Rest in Heaven Mrs. Smith. 🙏

Jennifer Warren-Shy - September 26, 2024 at 03:22 PM

IB

“ Mrs. Smith was an excellent educator. She taught my kids and she will truly be missed. RIP. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. I pray 🙏 for healing and strength for the family during this difficult time

Idella Brown - September 26, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JL

“ JoAnn Lavender lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



JoAnn Lavender - September 26, 2024 at 02:52 PM

JT

“ Jimmy Thigpen lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Jimmy Thigpen - September 26, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SW

“ Yvonne and family, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time 🙏💕🕊️

Susan Watson - September 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CG

“ CECELIA GUNTER-STEWART lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



CECELIA GUNTER-STEWART - September 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DD

“ Donna Dahlstrom lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Donna Dahlstrom - September 26, 2024 at 01:31 PM

TD

“ I met Mrs. Smith when she was a substitute teacher at the ELC. She was the sweetest and I loved working with her. Praying for the family. 🙏

Tomika Dennis - September 26, 2024 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ Tommy, Yvonne, and family, Please accept our sincere condolences. Faye was my very favorite teacher that I, and my husband, ever had. I will forever feel the love that she showed me in my heart. Prayers lifted for strength, comfort, and peace. I sure loved her, as everyone did that was blessed to have encountered her.

Love,
Mitchell and Mary Ann (Grant) Scott

Mary Ann Scott - September 26, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JW

“ Prayers for all the family.

Johanna Williamson - September 26, 2024 at 12:42 PM

KB

“ Tommy and family sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen Kenny Babb - September 26, 2024 at 12:33 PM

CM

“ Connie Mullinnix McCoy lit a candle in memory of Faye Smith



Connie Mullinnix McCoy - September 26, 2024 at 12:28 PM

PM

“ Yvonne & family, you are in my thoughts & prayers. What an amazing heritage she has left you! Much love.

Pastor Beverly McLaren - September 26, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DB

“ My condolences to family and friends.



Debbi Batchelor - September 26, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CN

“ Tommy and Family so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen Nolan

Carolyn Nolan - September 26, 2024 at 12:19 PM



RW

“ So sorry to hear about Faye. She had a very special teacher's heart. We worked on many committees together through school system and Education Association. She had a one of a kind presence in everything she pursued. Not only did she make a positive impact in Milledgeville, but she worked tirelessly as a state senator to help teachers and to get more assistance for mental health in the state.

Ruby Werts - September 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LC

“ Tommy I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Faye's passing. She was a wonderful lady her whole life. She was one of my teachers and then a friend thru my Daddy knowing you. You was such a loving husband and I know you gave her the best life possible. You all are in my thoughts and Prayers. She will be up there with Bobby talking government stuff I know. Sending Love and Healing Cuddles

linda p cheeves - September 26, 2024 at 11:59 AM



FC

This lady was my first grade teacher at City Elementary, she was always a special part of my Heart from childhood until this day me reading her obituary ☐. Mrs Smith was my inspiration through out life always remembering when me being in a school that was just integrated. she took me into her loving arms sat me on her lap to hold me and assure me that I had nothing to be afraid of. That has been a inspiration to me all my life, Mrs. Smith thank you the love you showed me was always instilled in my heart ❤️ RIP Sweet Lady

Faye Callaway - September 26, 2024 at 12:33 PM

MS

Faye was a one of a kind and very special person. Not only did she have a great soul and spirit, but was also a sharp dresser. My condolences to the family. 🙏💕🌹

Marion Y. Simmons - September 26, 2024 at 04:43 PM

KS

Faye was a unique individual. I loved her spirit! Prayers and blessings to the family.

Keith Sibilsky

keith sibilsky - September 28, 2024 at 11:32 AM

TW

Many fond memories of working with her at Southside School. She was my sons 1st grade teacher and one of the best .Praying comfort for the family in the days ahead.

Teeie Wood - September 29, 2024 at 05:02 PM

JW

Faye and I graduated from Oconee County High School together in 1964. She was such a dear friend! We remained friends all throughout our adult life. I miss her, but know that our loss is Heaven's gain. May the Lord bless all of her dear family and friends whose lives that she touched. Janice M. Wilson

Janice M. Wilson - November 04, 2025 at 02:12 PM