



Mrs. Marie Cook Smith

February 23, 1946 - May 8, 2022

Hazel Marie Cook Smith, age 76, of Bowdon, GA, passed away on May 8, 2022.

Affectionally known as "Marie", she was born and raised in Jackson, GA by Augustus "Gus" Williams Cook and Tenella Collins Cook Maddox Gray, whom both have predeceased her. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1964 and attended West Georgia College until 1967 where she met her husband, James Wendell (also known as "J.W.") Smith. She received a Certificate in Business Technology from Clayton State University.

She and Wendell married on May 21, 1967. She had three children and spent her early years as a homemaker/stay at home Mom. She became a successful Avon sales agent. Then worked in the cafeteria at Riverdale Middle School from 1988 - 1993. Students absolutely loved her baked goods. She then worked as a court clerk/records clerk at Riverdale Police Department for the next 14 years. She retired in 2008. Marie was also a breast cancer survivor since 2019.

Marie was an accomplished seamstress. In her school years, she went to state for her sewing in 4-H Club and even made her prom dress. Later in years, she sewed numerous dresses for herself and daughter, Barbie outfits for her daughter and even beautiful 1800s period dresses for her use during her activities. Her daughter requested that she make her wedding dress which she lovely obliged. It is the most beautiful dress. She was also very artistic in other areas including painting - - ceramics and tole -- photography and can be

considered a master quilter. Marie had a green thumb and had a lovely garden at one time. She was very interested in ancestral history. Marie was a member of the Jonesboro Historical Society and many years and worked as a Docent (trained historical tour guide) giving tours at Stately Oaks Plantation located in Jonesboro in her period dress. She was a member of Bowdon First United Methodist Church, UMW, Bowdon Historical Society, SE Quilt Guild, Bowdon Spade and Trowel Club, and Carroll County Genealogical Society until her health declined.

Survived by her loving husband of almost 55 years, Wendell Smith and her three children - James William "Jamey" Smith of Bowdon, GA; Michael Augustus "Mike" Smith (Donna) of Griffin, GA; Tania Marie Smith Fountain (Dale) of Dallas, GA. Her brother, David W. Cook (Dianne) of Jackson, GA; her sister-in-law, Susan Smith Carr (Jack) of Yakima, WA. Her grandchildren - Adrian Alexander "Alex" Fountain, Jacob Patrick Fountain, Madison Elizabeth "Maddie" Fountain, and Daniel Sean Fountain, all of Dallas, GA. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews, her cousins and their children, and other extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Bowdon First United Methodist Church. Pastor Randy Simpkins will officiate. Pallbearers will be Alex Fountain, Jacob Fountain, Brian Cook, Michael Stevens, Donald Stevens, and Jake Haslam. Daniel Fountain will be an honorary pallbearer. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Prior to the service, her body will lie-in-state at the church from 12:00 p.m. till the funeral hour. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
317 North Carroll Street
Bowdon, GA 30108
(770) 258-7239
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bowdon First Methodist Church
302 Wedowee Street
Bowdon, GA 30108

Tribute Wall



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - May 11, 2022 at 03:44 PM

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My Condolences and Sympathy to All Family and Friends.

Fred Moore - May 18, 2022 at 10:02 AM

JC

“ *Marie, Tommy and I were 1964 Classmates of Jackson High School. Marie was such a sweet and talented person. Her brother, David, is a good friend to our family and we are in Sunday School together. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Love in Christ,
Tommy, Janie, and T. Carmichael*

Janie Carmichael - May 11, 2022 at 11:37 AM

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“ I never met Mrs. Smith but JW always spoke fondly about his wife when he would stop in my office to chat. I know she was a lovely lady and his love for her could move mountains. My deepest condolences to JW and the Smith family.

And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. -John 16:22

-Brandi Dawe, WGTC

Brandi Dawe - May 10, 2022 at 03:01 PM

JM

“ Marie was a very kind lady. She was also an excellent cook. Everything she brought to Ronald and Judy's was always good. She will be missed. Prayers for the family.
Joan Meigs

Joan Meigs - May 10, 2022 at 07:06 AM