



## MS. HELEN KIRKLAND SMITH

September 29, 1927 - August 30, 2021

Funeral service for Ms. Helen K. Smith will be held 10 AM Friday, September 3, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel with Dr. Randy Scarbough officiating. Burial will be in Tucker Cemetery in Kemper Co. Visitation will be 5-8 PM Thursday, September 2, 2021 at John E. Stephens Chapel.

Ms. Smith, 93, passed away Monday, August 30, 2021 at her daughter's home. She lived in Kemper Co. most of her life. She was a member of Vardaman Baptist Church. Her hobbies were quilting and fishing.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn "Dub" Smith; son, Ray Smith; brothers, Floyd Kirkland.

Survivors included daughters, Janis Gore, Tawanna Smith (Don); son, Robert Smith (Polly); daughter-in-law, Judy Smith; sisters, Maralyn Jolly, Leila Jowers; (19) grandchildren; (26) great-grandchildren; (9) great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers: Shawn Smith, Chris Smith, Daniel Smith, Robert Smith, Sandy Kirkland, Kolby Welch.

# Cemetery Details

## Tucker Cemetery

Kemper County, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *MS. HELEN KIRKLAND SMITH*

November 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *To the Smith Family,*

*Mrs. Smith was a very special lady who was much loved in the community by neighbors and friends. With our deepest heartfelt sympathy,  
Our love and prayers are with you always.*

*Love,  
The Jones Family*



**Sandra Jones** - September 03, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of MS. HELEN KIRKLAND SMITH.*



September 01, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *A truly sweet lady! Prayers and Condolences to the family.*

**Tommy W Joyner** - September 01, 2021 at 08:59 AM

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“ I truly have many fond memories of my dear Aunt Helen. It was very convenient to visit and see her and her family during my summer vacation visits to see my maternal grandparents with the Smith family living next door to my grandparents.

*I will cherish a quilt she made and gave. I will remember the fun times playing card and board games as she was a great game player. Uno card games could go on a good while if we had more than three or four players. I also recall a day for our noon meal we must have peeled 30# of potatoes to cook curly fries. I didn't think we would ever finish peeling or frying potatoes but with all of us kids it took a lot to feed us.*

*I know mom is going to miss you a bunch. She just told me today how the two of you use to sing while you washed the dishes and this was before running water inside the house. Of course, mom giving you driving lessons and teaching you to drive a car was a great story. Mom probably regretted teaching you to drive as you both got older as she would worry about you all of the time when you were heading back home in a bad storm from her home in Meridian.*

*I remember the Saturday night singings in your home too. I am sure there would be food prepared to eat before the singing festivities began. Who knew your oldest son, Ray Smith, could sing as well as he did. Christmases in Mississippi were loads of fun and it deserves several chapters in a book than a few sentences. I just wish our Christmases today could be like they were in the 60's and early 70's. Precious moments and priceless memories!*

*To Janis,, Robert, and Tawanna, I know you will miss your sweet momma. God really blessed her to live a long life. Janis, you are an angel for the loving care towards your momma, and I was glad Tonya could help when she could and Tawanna too. You really did honor Helen's wishes for her to be looked after from home to the very end of her life. Great job on following through on the fifth of Ten*

*Commandments!*

*Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies to everyone during the difficult weeks ahead. Steve and I were so glad to have visited Helen on August 3. We will be thinking of your families during the service on September 3. If the Covid Surge wasn't so bad in the state, we would try to motor down but I think because of our own health issues, we need to stay home. We are there in spirit.*

*Love,  
Vickie Jowers Brown (niece) and Steve Brown  
Glen Allen, Virginia*

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**Vickie Brown (Niece)** - August 31, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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“ *Atlee & Sharon Smith purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of MS. HELEN KIRKLAND SMITH.*



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**Atlee & Sharon Smith** - August 31, 2021 at 03:43 PM