



Donna Jean Smith

October 26, 1962 - November 6, 2018

Donna Jean Smith, 56, of Summerville, wife of Raymond Joseph Smith, passed away on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

A gathering of friends and family will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 from 9 o'clock to 11 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. A Celebration of life service will begin at 11 o'clock.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to MUSC Hollings Cancer, 86 Jonathan Lucas St., Charleston, SC 29425.

Donna was born on October 26, 1962 in Holy Loch, Scotland, daughter of Donald and Lorraine Hanley. She graduated from Summerville High School class of 1980. She enjoyed and had a passion for catching red fish in the Charleston Harbor. She loved spending time with her granddaughter. She was a 5th degree master instructor in Tae Kwon Do. She loved her family and friends from over the years.

Survivors including her parents and husband Raymond of 38 years are: one daughter: Kristina Smith Mitchum (Allen) of St. George; one son: Raymond Joseph Smith, II; one granddaughter: Tenley Elizabeth Mitchum; one sister: Karen Herndon (Byron) of Harleyville; two nieces: Leslie Faust (Bubba) of Harleyville and Shannon Younginer (Kenny) of Harleyville; one nephew:

Donnie Herndon (Misty) of Harleyville; five great nieces and nephews: Clayton Jackson, Daulton Faust, Kaitlyn Faust, Chandler Younginer and Marley Herndon.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

NOV 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Jean Smith*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Cindy Hiott lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Smith*



Cindy Hiott - November 13, 2018 at 08:47 AM



Ray and family, your Santee Cooper family is still praying for you all...God grant you peace in your time of grieving.

Cindy Hiott - November 13, 2018 at 08:48 AM



My Granddaughter Tenley said to me “PaPa I know what Grandma is doing in Heaven. I said what and she said fishing and she is going again tomorrow.”

Ray Smith - December 13, 2018 at 04:00 PM

RS

“ 44 files added to the album *Donna Celebrating Life*



Ray Smith - November 12, 2018 at 09:21 PM

CS

“ Ray,
I'm so very sorry & saddened to learn of Donna's passing. I remember your joy when you would share pictures and stories - especially of being parents & then grandparents. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time.
Hugs & prayers from afar,
Cile Spivey

Cile Spivey - November 09, 2018 at 09:37 AM

RS

Thank you Cile. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:02 PM

MP

“ Ray,

I will not be able to attend either the visitation or the funeral today. My Supreme Commander is at a long overdue and much needed doctor's appointment and I am awaiting the verdict from the tech who is working on our HVAC that conked out last evening.

I cannot begin to fathom how difficult these last few months have been for you. And I'm certain today is probably one of the most difficult days of your life. But life is what it's all about, pal. Donna's is over, but yours is still to be lived. Grieve and mourn her, but you need to live the rest of the gift we all have been given. I've been going through a rough patch the last year and a half and the thing that I have focused on is the recognition that life is a very precious thing. I try to appreciate every minute of it and be thankful for the fact that I'm here to experience the things around me.

When you can, give that some thought and move on with the blessing we've both been given. Try to appreciate the beauty around us and push all the negative crap aside, because in the final analysis, that stuff doesn't really matter.

I just wanted you to know that I have been thinking about you and I wish you the very best moving forward.

*My best regards,
Mark Pilgrim*

Mark Pilgrim - November 09, 2018 at 09:36 AM

RS

Words can express how much your words mean to me. Thank you Mark so much. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Smith.*



November 09, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ *Ray,
I am so heart broken for your loss of Donna. I know how much you adored her and she you. Hold on to all the years of wonderful memories you have. I pray God will give you and your family peace during this difficult time.*

Love

Margarett

Margarett Merrill - November 09, 2018 at 07:27 AM



Thank you so much Margarett. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:03 PM



“ *Brandon & Gwen Libby purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna Jean Smith.*



Brandon & Gwen Libby - November 08, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Smith.* ”



November 08, 2018 at 04:45 PM

BL

“ For me at least, Mrs. Smith will be remembered as a stern and loving mother figure.

I was one of the many troubled kids that met her through TKD. On Wednesday nights we would practice a bunch of boring forms (JK, do your forms kids!), but all we really wanted to do was spar. However, if we missed Wednesday's forms class, she would make us workout (hard) rather than spar on Friday night. As a young man, this as well as many other lessons, seemed overly strict and tough - why couldn't I just do the 'fun stuff'? She was the very definition of a rule boss.

What I know now, is that she knew me better than I did myself. She knew I was struggling at home and refused to give up on me. She checked in on me regularly asking how things were at home, how are you doing in school? Often times, she was the only one asking. Both she and Mr. Smith were always there for me. I owe them more than I could ever repay. I am the father, husband and man that I am today because of the love they showed me. Even though we aren't blood related, the Smiths are my family. I mourn the passing of Mrs. Smith like I would my mother.

I love you Mrs Donna Smith, and will miss you dearly. I promise to do my best to live up to your example and to pass your lessons on to my children.

My thoughts and prayers go out to each and every one of you. Especially you, Mr. Smith -I love you, sir.

*Love,
Brandon Libby*

Brandon Libby - November 08, 2018 at 03:43 PM

RS

You will be like a Sin to me. I love Brandon and I am very proud of you!

Ray Smith - December 13, 2018 at 03:57 PM

RS

Son not Sin

Ray Smith - December 13, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Smith.*



November 08, 2018 at 02:36 PM

AS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I've known Donna for many years while I was working at SCFCU. We would always chat when she came in the branch. May God give you comfort in this very sad time in your lives.*

Annette Summers

Annette Summers - November 08, 2018 at 12:59 PM

RS

Thank you so much Annette. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:04 PM

JU

“ *I hate that I am stuck here in this hospital and not able to pay my last respects. But please know that I am there in spirit. She was an awesome friend and a brave warrior! I send my love for you all!* ❤️
Julie

Julie - November 08, 2018 at 12:30 PM

RS

Julie so loved you, she worried about you and only wished she could have been there for you. God Bless You and may God heal you. She didn't die from cancer her poor heart gave up! Kick Cancer's Tail. Go Warrior Girl. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:05 PM

NM

“ *My deepest condolences to Ray & the whole family on the death of your beloved Donna. I only met her once but just by that I could tell the loving bubbly personality she had. Ray shared so many cute stories here at Santee Cooper about her AND that cherished Granddaughter they have. RIP BELOVED CHILD OF GOD...*

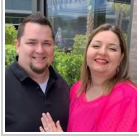


Nancy Morris - November 08, 2018 at 11:06 AM

RS

Nancy thank you so much for this and so many happy times. My face and heart smiles just thinking of you. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ We are so saddened by this loss, and so disappointed that we were not able to meet Donna. Many many prayers to your family in such a difficult time.

-Benjamin Barrett's family

Kristina Persenaire - November 08, 2018 at 09:58 AM

RS

Thank you Mrs. Barrett. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:07 PM

TO

“ Ray, I'm so sorry for your family's loss and my prayers go out for all of you. God's Peace be with all of you during this time. May your 38 years of love, children, and joy bring you peace and comfort as well.

Tommy McPherson

Tommy - November 08, 2018 at 06:47 AM

RS

Thank you Tommy. I always admired you and always looked up to you. So beautifully said. Wednesday is our 38th Wedding Anniversary. Going to be a lot different without the love of my life.

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:08 PM

GR

“ Ray,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I pray God's strength and comfort, His mercy and love continue to be near you and your family.

The Rheubottom Family

George Rheubottom - November 08, 2018 at 06:34 AM

RS

Thank you Hootie so much for the kind words and our long, long friendship. The Lord knows no finer man and the Lord knows no finer person in Donna. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:10 PM

MC

“ *To The Smith Family: Know that God will give you comfort. Cherish the memories you shared. God has picked one of his precious flower from his garden to display as a centerpiece in his kingdom. May God continue to bless and keep your family strong during your loss.*

*Love
Mary Canteen*

Mary Canteen - November 08, 2018 at 06:29 AM

RS

Mary thank you so much. A biblical name with a biblical message of hope and healing. Thank you for it. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:11 PM

MD

“ *Ray,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort and guide you through this difficult time and the days ahead. May you always cherish the memories and love you shared.*

*With sincere sympathy,
Michelle Dye*


Michelle Dye - November 08, 2018 at 06:14 AM



RS

Michelle thank you so much for the kind words. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:11 PM

 Michelle Thompsor

“ *Master Smith, we are so very sorry for your families loss. Donna was one of the most wonderful women I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. You and your family are in our prayers. Michelle and Tim Thompson*



Michelle Thompson - November 07, 2018 at 09:31 PM

RS

Michelle and Tim thank you for putting it in words. Thank you for that awesome son who drove from Ohio to surprise me with support. It was like he was never gone. I love you all with my heart and soul. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:13 PM

RW

“ *Ray, I am so sorry for your lost. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Renee White - November 07, 2018 at 07:16 PM

RS

Thank you Renee. Never thought retirement was going to be this tough. I love and my best friend won't be here to enjoy it but I know she is in Heaven where there is nothing but joy. She and I will be together again. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:14 PM

AD

“ I pray our gracious Lord will lift all the heavy hearts after the passing of Donna. She loved a loving life and her love for you and family is something that can never be taken away. Hold on to that and know she is there with you always.

Allison Dennis - November 07, 2018 at 06:35 PM

RS

Thank you Allison. I am so appreciative of your words, your deeds and I pray for you too. It was nice to see you even though it was a hard time to see you for this reason. I wish I could have spent more time with you. God Bless you and Luke. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:16 PM

SG

“ My heart is heavy with grief for you, Kristina, and Raymond as well as for myself in the passing of Donna. All of you are in our prayers so often. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Sherry Gooding - November 07, 2018 at 04:55 PM

RS

Oh man was that sweet to read. Old Dear Friend thank you for those words of joy. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LT

“ Ray - I am so sorry to hear about your wife. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. - Laura Thomas



Laura Thomas - November 07, 2018 at 04:33 PM

RS

Laura thank you so much. Never thought she would be before me. I know she is in Heaven and that is powerful joy in that fact. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:18 PM

SG

“ Ray,

I'm so sorry for the loss of Donna. Look to God for comfort and strength during this difficult time and the days ahead. Cherish Donna's memories and treasure them in your heart forever. Take one day and a time and trust God at all times.

Love,

Shambria Goodman

Shambria Goodman - November 07, 2018 at 04:07 PM

RS

To the "Angel" in our family thank you for the call and thank you for always showing me Christ everyday. I am trusting! Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:19 PM

SW

“ Ray - there are no words at a time like this, so just know that we love you. - Susan Winter

Susan Winter - November 07, 2018 at 03:51 PM

RS

Thank you Susan. Thank you for you and Ricky coming to the funeral. You have always shown a model of what it means to be called a Christian. You lifted me up! Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:20 PM

CS

“ Ray I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife. You all are in my prayers.

Carolyn Stone - November 07, 2018 at 03:40 PM

RS

Thank you so much Carolyn. This Santee Cooper family is more than just a job. We really are a caring and loving family. You are proof. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Smith.



November 07, 2018 at 03:32 PM

DB

“ Ray & Family,

You all are in our thoughts and prayers today & in the days ahead.

Donna Barnette

Donna Barnette - November 07, 2018 at 03:21 PM

RS

Donna thank you for the post and thank you for card. These and those words I really needed and I really appreciate you taking the time to say them. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:22 PM

LO

“ Ray and family,
It breaks my heart to hear of your loss. I know you will all miss
Donna dearly. Know you will be in my prayers now and in the future.

God's Peace to you all,

Loraine

loraine - November 07, 2018 at 01:50 PM

RS

Loraine thank you for writing these words and coming to the funeral.
Sorry I was such a mess and couldn't spend more time with you. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the
family of Donna Jean Smith.



November 07, 2018 at 01:25 PM

RS

“ RITA STEELE lit a candle in memory of
Donna Jean Smith



RITA STEELE - November 07, 2018 at 11:38 AM

RS

Rita thank you so much. Ray

Ray Smith - November 11, 2018 at 07:23 PM