



Etta Roberta Smith

January 6, 1920 - May 28, 2015

Etta "Roberta" Smith, 95, of Palatka, FL, widow of Ervin "Rudy" Smith (and previous widow of James O. Burger), passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at Kiva Assisted Living in Palatka, FL.

Family and friends are invited to attend her visitation on Friday, June 5, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 11 a.m. at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Ricky Bybee of Cross Roads Community Church of East Palatka, Fl. presiding. Burial will follow at Summerville Cemetery, 700 Boone Hill Road, Summerville.

Flowers will be accepted at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith was born January 6, 1920 in Atlanta, Ga, daughter of the late Walter Luther Goodrich and Ruby Lee Bailey Goodrich. She was a former resident of Summerville, S.C. until 1979, and then moved to Felton, Ga. thru '82, then Palatka, Fl. thru '85, then returning to Felton, Ga. thru '96, where after the passing of her husband Rudy, she moved to Hardeeville, S.C. to live with her daughter (Phyllis) and son-in-law (Rick Lynes). This kept her close to her granddaughter (Tracy) and grandson (Willie) along with her great grandchildren which she spent lots of time with, while frequently commuting back and forth to Palatka Fl. In 2013, she moved to Palatka Fl. to be with her grandson (Malcolm) and enjoying time with her family and great grandchildren.

She retired as secretary for E.L. Long Motor Lines and Infinger. She was

proud of helping support her country and servicemen by working in the sheet metal shop at the Charleston Naval Shipyard during WWII. She was a lifelong Christian and knew God as her lord and savior. She was frequently known to ask others "Do you know God" and "If you die today, do you know where you will be" Her legacy is best described as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and supporting friend to all. She enjoyed life to its fullest while having good health and a large loving family who seen her as the family matriarch. Her later years were all dedicated to family. She spent time with each of the grandchildren for weeks or months at a time. She would surprise the grandchildren and great-grandchildren by picking them up at school for lunch breaks or birthday occasions. She was the family sitter while caring for all during sick days from school or vacation get-aways. She enjoyed making meals at each family's home she visited and was best known and praised for her home-made biscuits that everyone wanted her to make. She operated her automobile through the tender age of 87, and after that, made the train or family members her mode of transportation.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Otho Burger and her son from her second marriage, Ervin "Michael" Smith. Survivors include her daughter, Phyllis (Rick) Lynes of East Palatka, Fl. Grandchildren Willie (Tammy) Fabre of Hardeeville, SC, Sandy Lynes-Murrow, Malcolm Fabre of East Palatka, Fl., Chrissy Lynes, Tracy Fabre (David) Kelly of Rincon Ga. Great grandchildren Jamie Fabre, Jessica Zegarelli, Jess Fabre, Alissa Kelly, Malcolm Fabre Jr, Hunter Kelly, Harmony Kelly, Riley Merree (Fabre), and Dawson Kelly. She also had 2 great-great grandchildren Zoey Michelle & Emma Kate Zegarelli.

The family would like to give its most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Kiva Assisted Living (the entire wonderful staff) in Palatka, Fl, for the relentless care and support they gave, Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast (Stacy and Trista) for their help, guidance and care leading up to her going home. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Etta Roberta Smith*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Prayers for peace and understanding in the difficult time. There are no words to take away the pain. Mom, Grandma will always be with you. Remember there is no time limit on grieving.*

Tom - June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *She called me her number 1 grandson, I called her grandma for 50 years. I know she is in heaven, but A great portion, a third of my life went with her. God I miss you grandma. Just wish you did not have to live and suffer for the last 15yrs. But don't worry, you want see that person in heaven. Willie Fabre*

June 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grief can be so hard on the surviving members of the family, but the special memories of her will help you all cope with this terrible loss. Celebrate her life well lived, and cherish the memories of her forever. Malcolm, you and your family will be in our prayers.*

Bryan Weaver - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's never easy, but try to take comfort in knowing your friends share your pain and lift you up in prayer. May you feel God's love surrounding you, as you grieve the loss of your loved one.*

Stephanie Saxby - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Heaven just got another special angel. Thoughts and prayers to Malcolm and his special family.*

Linda Lake - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Aunt Roberta, Where do I begin. You have always been in my life. So many memories, the time you, mother, Gonga, Phyllis went to Florida. The time lightning went between your and Uncle Jimmy's legs. You and mother cooking in the kitchen on Tupelo Drive. You and mommy looking for Christmas trees in the woods. I love you so very much Aunt Roberta, I can hear your voice and your laughter. Uncle Jimmy, Gonga, Uncle Rudy and Mike are waiting for you. One day I will see you again. Elaine*

Elaine Waters Spaetti - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Death comes like a swift wind, but be comforted in knowing that she is resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord. Our deepest sympathy to Malcolm and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Thressa Lewis - June 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM