

Celebrating the Life of

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a black beret, glasses, and a black jacket over a pink top. She is smiling slightly. The portrait is set against a background of large, vibrant pink and yellow flowers with water droplets on their petals.

Linnie Ellen
(PACK) SMITH

JANUARY 27, 1932 – JANUARY 13, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

WAKE: 10:00 AM – FUNERAL: 10:30 AM

UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

1885 EAST 89TH STREET – CLEVELAND, OH 44106

TERRANCE R. McCLAIN, PHD – MINISTER, OFFICIANT & EULOGIST

Order of Service

Processional.....	Minister & Family
Family Visitation.....	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Prayer.....	Bro. Terrance McClain, PhD, Minister
Congregational Song	Bro. Greg Shields
Scriptures	Bro. Donald Nelson
OLD TESTAMENT.....	PSALM 23: 1-6
NEW TESTAMENT	I THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18
Prayer.....	Bro. Ernest Bates, Minister – Church of Christ at Center Rd
Congregational Song	Bro. Harold Martin
Obituary	Read Silently
Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....	Sis. Latrice Shields
Reflections	(2 MINUTES PLEASE)
	Pia WaNita Rogers (Granddaughter)
	Paul Wallace Smith (Grandson)
	Beverly Hood (Caregiver)
Congregational Song	Bro. Greg Shields
Eulogy.....	Bro. Terrance R. McClain, PhD
Recessional Song	Bro. Greg Shields

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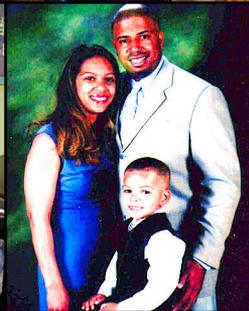
Cleveland Memorial Gardens
4324 Green Rd – Cleveland, OH 44128

PALLBEARERS

FAMILY & FRIENDS

REPAST

UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP HALL
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Obituary

"TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD." (II COR. 5:8)

Lonnie Ellen Pack Smith (Ellen), the only daughter born to John Mayhew and Alice Juanita (Hull) Pack, began her earthly pilgrimage on January 27, 1932 in Monroe County, WV. She grew up in Charleston, WV. In obedience to the command and in imitation of the example of our Lord Jesus, in baptism, she was born again on January 20, 1947 at Elmwood Church of Christ in Charleston. In response to the Lord's call, she transitioned to the next life on January 13, 2026 in Cleveland, OH.

Ellen was educated in Charleston public schools. She met Wallace Smith, the love of her life, at Garnet High School when they were in drama class together. On April 30, 1949 (Wallace's birthday) they were united in holy matrimony. God blessed their union with a son, Paul Mayhew Smith. Ellen earned a bachelor's degree in history at West Virginia State College. The family remained in Charleston until 1955 when they moved to Cleveland, OH in pursuit of better employment opportunities.

Wallace found work at Anchor Industry; however, his initial position was short lived. Just 30 days after securing his new position, he was called to serve in the US Army. During his service, Ellen moved to Cleveland, MS and found a teaching job there. Following his honorable discharge from the US Army, Wallace and his family returned to Cleveland, OH. Wallace resumed his position at Anchor Industry and Ellen found a position as a school secretary in the Cleveland School District. A year later, she began her tenure as an American History teacher at Glenville High School. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, she served as senior class advisor for a number of years. Wallace completed his service at Anchor Industry, as personnel manager, in 1990 when the plant closed. In June 1994, Ellen retired from teaching after 37 years of service to Glenville community students.

While teaching school was her chosen secular career path, Ellen had a passion for teaching others about her First Love – Jesus, the Christ, Lord of her life. As a member of His church, she served as a bible class teacher for youth in each of the congregations where she worshipped until 2006. In addition to teaching classes, Ellen also devoted efforts to teaching others about Christ and His church privately. She had a compelling ability to guide others

to search the scriptures wherein they could find everything needed for life and godliness. She guided her students of God's word to passages in scripture; however, she forced them to study and learn the message within each passage personally. Because of her patient diligence, others found the truth of the gospel, obeyed it, and were added to the family of God – His Son's church.

Ellen was very witty and had a great sense of humor. She loved making other laugh and cherished fun times with family and friends. She and Wallace enjoyed going out to eat with others following worship services, hosting meals at their home (particularly cook-outs on their patio), playing card games with other couples, attending family reunions, and shopping. She also loved watching classic cowboy and western drama shows and movies.

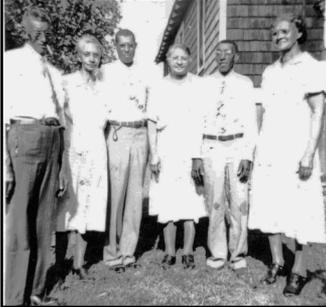
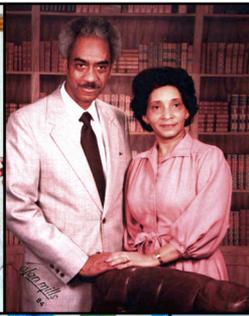
The message of her transition is a message of hope. Death is not the end for her. It initiates the beginning of her presence with the Lord. Today we celebrate her 93-year journey with gratitude to God for the portions of it He blessed us to share.

The legacy of her love, devotion, and service will live on in the lives of those who are left to feel the void realized by her physical departure.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, John Mayhew and Alice Juanita (Hull) Pack, her husband of 62 years, Wallace Smith, and their son, Paul Mayhew Smith.

Those left to experience the void of her physical departure are her grandchildren, Pia WaNita (Akima) Rogers of Lanham, MD and Paul Wallace Smith of Cleveland, OH, their children, Donovan Bradley Smith, Aidan Hodari Rogers, and Ava Pearl Rogers, and her daughter in the gospel and caregiver Beverly Hood. Others who will experience the void are, her son's fiancé Loretta Gray, a niece, a host of cousins, her spiritual family, special friends, and former students.

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*







Her Smile

**Though her smile is gone forever
And her hand I cannot touch
I still have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.**

**Her memory is now my
keepsake
With which I'll never part.
God has her in His keeping
I have her in my heart.
Sadly missed but never
forgotten.**

**Rest in paradise "my baby"
Beverly**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION, THE FAMILY OF LONNIE ELLEN PACK SMITH ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR PRAYERS, CALLS, CARDS, FOOD, CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN HER MEMORY, AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF KINDNESS, CARING, AND SUPPORT UPON THE TRANSITION OF OUR LOVED ONE. OUR PRAYER IS THAT THE BLESSINGS GOD BESTOWS UPON EACH OF YOU WILL BE AS BOUNTIFUL AS THE BLESSINGS WE'VE RECEIVED BECAUSE OF YOUR SINCERITY AND GENEROSITY. WE EXTEND SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HOSPICE STAFF, HILLCREST HOSPITAL CCU STAFF, THE WOODLANDS OF SHAKER HEIGHTS STAFF, AND HIGHLAND POINTE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER. WE APPRECIATE THE EXCEPTIONAL CARE GIVEN TO HER DURING THE FINAL PERIOD OF HER EARTHLY JOURNEY, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR US AS WE ADJUST TO LIFE WITHOUT HER PHYSICAL PRESENCE.

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