

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

Vanessa
LAVERNE
SMITH

AUGUST 27, 1962 — DECEMBER 12, 2025

Monday, December 22, 2025
Visitation 10:00am | Service 11:00am

The Chapel Of Peace, East
5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Interment

Glen Rest Memorial Estate
8029 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Pallbearers

Leif Smith Sr.
Leif Smith Jr.
Robert Smith
Mason Patrick
Lane Patrick
Robert Hunt
Paul Flemster ~ Honorary

A Word of Thanks

The family of **Vanessa Laverne Smith** acknowledges the outpouring of love and sympathy we have received. Your prayers, words of encouragement, and acts of kindness have lifted us and given us strength as we celebrate Vanessa's life. We are deeply thankful for the way you have honored her memory.



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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Obituary

Order Of Service

Vanessa Laverne Smith was born on August 27, 1962, in Altus, Oklahoma, to the late **James G. Smith Jr.** and **Vera Mae Smith (Hairston)**.

As the daughter of a military father, Vanessa experienced life in many states and countries before eventually settling in Columbus, Ohio, which became her permanent home. She graduated from Eastmoor High School and went on to attend The Ohio State University, leading to a fulfilling career in the medical field.

She had a gentle spirit and a heart full of kindness. Vanessa was known for being sweet, caring, and incredibly giving. Her warmth and friendliness drew people to her, and everyone who knew her cherished her presence. She will always be remembered as someone truly loved by all.

Her love for family and friends was unwavering, and the impact she made will never be forgotten. Vanessa touched countless lives with her kindness, humor, and strength. She leaves behind her beloved husband, **Leif Smith Sr.**; her son, **Leif Smith Jr.**; her daughter, **Lindsey Patrick (Smith)**; her son-in-law, **Mason Patrick**; her uncle, **Robert Smith**; and many cherished relatives and friends who will continue to honor her memory. She was preceded in death by her parents, **James G. Smith Jr.** and **Vera Mae Smith (Hairston)**, and her sister **Natalie Monique Smith**.



Organ Prelude
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Parting View

Scripture Reading
Pastor Derick Bass, Sr.

Prayer
Pastor Derick Bass, Sr.

Selection
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

Acknowledgement/Condolences

Remarks
Family and/or Friends (two minutes each)

Reading of Obituary
Silently

Selection
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

The Eulogy
Pastor Derick Bass, Sr.

Benediction
Pastor Derick Bass, Sr.

Recessional
Clergy, Family, Friends

