





JOHN 3:16

GOD SO LOVED
The greatest person
The greatest degree
THE WORLD
The greatest company
THAT HE GAVE
The greatest act
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
The greatest gift
THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH
The greatest opportunity
IN HIM
The greatest attraction
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE
The greatest promise
The greatest difference
EVERLASTING LIFE.
The greatest certainty
The greatest possession





Pallbearers

Jack Herrold ~ Scott Cole ~ Justin Nelson
Chandler Nelson ~ Trent Babcock ~ Gunner Whorton

Honorary Pallbearers

Carl Oesterle ~ Scott Horton

Ushers

Don Delaney ~ Rich Settle
Paul Taliaferro ~ Ryan Christiansen

Final Resting Place

McPherson Cemetery

Memorial Donations

McPherson Church of Christ for the Manna Project

Appreciation

Our family wishes to thank the many life-long McPherson friends, neighbors, USD 418 coworkers, and early Sterling Drug employees for their unyielding support and love. Special thanks to many lifelong friends of the McPherson Church of Christ (and in memory): Greg & Kathy Thomas, K.O. & Nadine Fuller, Jim & Norene Ketcherside, Ryan & Judy Christiansen, Jesse & Joanne Moege, Glen & Colleen Elliot, Lu Wall, Larry & Barbara Wallace, George & Phyllis Oldenstadt, and Ralph & Jackie Herrold. We would also like to thank the staff of Brookdale Senior Living, Gentiva Hospice, Loving Care, and Stockham Family Funeral Home for their gracious support over the last several weeks during our mom's hospice stay and passing.



In Loving Memory

Nancy June Smith

April 14, 1936 - October 12, 2026

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NASB95)

Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.





Funeral Service Order for Nancy J. Smith

Welcome	Johnny Skelton
Opening Prayer	Johnny Skelton
Obituary Reading	Carson Smith
Song "Blessed Assurance" P.480	Justin Porter
Remembrance	Blair Smith and family
Poem "Footprints of God"	Garret Smith
Scripture Reading Matthew 22:36-40	Ashton Smith
Remembrance	Clint Smith and family
Poem "Dirty Dishes"	Sawyer Smith
Song "Victory In Jesus" P.470	Justin Porter
Sermon	Jason Fish
Volunteers to Remember (time permitting)	
Closing Prayer	Greg Thomas



Proverbs 31: 28-30

"Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband *also*, and he praises her, *saying*: "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and beautify is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates."

Nancy June Smith, 90, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 12, 2026.

Nancy was born on April 14, 1936, in Henderson, Tennessee, the youngest of ten children born to Claude and Cora Ledbetter. She grew up in Henderson where she attended elementary and high school and spent her summers working on a family cotton farm nearby.

After graduating from Memphis State University in 1958, Nancy moved to Marion, Arkansas, to begin a career as a high school business teacher. On August 6, 1960, she married Lawrence "Larry" O. Smith in Henderson. Their life together took them to Starkville, Mississippi; St. Louis, Missouri; Mountain Home, Arkansas; Memphis, Tennessee; Hays, Kansas; London, England; and Arlington Heights, Illinois, before they settled in McPherson, Kansas, in August 1976.

After helping their sons settle into school, sports, and Scouting, Nancy worked in the USD 418 district office before beginning a nearly 30-year career as a special education paraprofessional and substitute teacher.

During her 50 years in McPherson, Nancy enjoyed gardening, cheering on the Bullpups and Kansas City Royals, camping and fishing with her children, spending summers in Tennessee, and spending time with her McPherson Church of Christ family. She and Larry made a wonderful gardening team: he enjoyed preparing the soil, planting, and harvesting, while she enjoyed cleaning, pickling, and cooking what they grew. She also treasured the friendships and gatherings shared with Larry's coworkers at Sterling Drug, Abbott Laboratories, and Hospira.

The arrival of their five grandchildren—Carson, Sawyer, Garrett, Harper, and Ashton—brought a new center to Nancy and Larry's lives. They traveled to San Diego, Oklahoma City, Washington, D.C., Pensacola, and Olathe to watch performances, cheer from the sidelines, share in their grandchildren's everyday lives, and getting to know their friends and neighbors along the way.

Nancy is survived by her two sons, Blair Smith and his wife, Casey, of Olathe, Kansas, and Clint Smith and his wife, Melissa, of McPherson, Kansas; and five grandchildren, Carson Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sawyer Smith of Overland Park, Kansas, Garrett Smith of Olathe, Kansas, Harper Smith of Wichita, Kansas, and Ashton Smith of Olathe, Kansas. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; four sisters; her husband, Larry; and her precious infant son, Loren.





