

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will dwell
in the house of the LORD for ever.



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Lola E. Smith

October 16, 1930

February 5, 2026

Lola E. Smith

Lola E. Smith, 95, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia. She was born October 16, 1930, in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, the daughter of Frank Ewers and Carrie (Gander) Ewers, who preceded her in death.

On December 24, 1952, at the Church of Christ in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, she was united in marriage to LeRoy Jason Smith. He preceded her in death on August 5, 2015.

Lola was a proud graduate of Soldiers Grove High School and lived a life marked by hard work, service, and a deep love for learning. Over the years, she worked in four different banks and was also involved in journalism, running the Linotype, serving as co-editor for the Soldiers Grove newspaper, and writing news articles for two different newspapers. She later worked at Greenway Manor in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and served as a Special Education aide at River Valley High School in Spring Green. Lola also volunteered at Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, Illinois.

In her free time, Lola found joy in the simple, meaningful things: tending to flower and vegetable gardens, crocheting, sewing, working crossword puzzles, reading, and cooking for family and friends, especially when company came to visit.

Lola is survived by one son, James Smith (Elisha) of Monticello, Illinois; four daughters, Esther Avery (John) of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Melinda Smith of Lincoln, Illinois, Brenda Sowers (Dave) of Columbia, Missouri, and Amy Elvers (Dale) of Sedalia, Missouri; one sister, Phyllis France of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren, Rebecca Frey (Darin), Marie Hallstrom (Tim), Jonathan Sowers (Rachel), Nathan Sowers (Annette), John Mark Avery, Cody Elvers (Kimberly), Samantha Bowlin (James), and Esther Joella Smith; fourteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lola was preceded in death by three brothers, Thomas, Roger, and Jim Ewers; a brother-in-law, Robert J. France; and a sister-in-law, Rita Ewers.

Memorial Service

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Jeff Randleman

Special Music

“Amazing Grace”

“How Great Thou Art”

“The Old Rugged Cross” - Video Tribute

Inurnment

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

Higginsville, Missouri

Military Honors for LeRoy Smith

United States Army

VFW Post #2591

Memorial Contributions

Show-Me Christian Youth Home