




Linnia Lou Smith

February 16, 1936 - July 25, 2019

Linnia Lou Smith was born February 16, 1936, in Meeker Oklahoma to Olan and Sylvia Fields. She was the eighth of nine kids. Mom had a blessed life of 83 years; however, following a long illness, she went home to be with Jesus on July 25, 2019.

Due to the depression, Mom's family came to California not long after she was born. Mom went to Woodville School and graduated from Porterville High School in 1953.

My grandpa was a music lover and formed many singing groups, one being mom, Aunt Helen, and Gay Mulliniks and Doretha Gibson. They continued singing even after they were married, and when that ended mom's love for southern gospel style music carried over to Jayne, Jason and Staci, especially Jason.

Mom and Dad, John Smith, met and were married in 1955. They lived in the Tipton, Woodville and Porterville areas during their 40  years together. Dad earned a living farming and land leveling before working for Lower Tule Irrigation District. Mom worked as a grocery store clerk in Woodville before becoming a teacher's aide at Woodville Elementary School. They had two children, Jayne and Tim.

Mom was a member of Henderson Avenue Baptist Church for many years before moving to Visalia to be closer to Jayne and Tim. She then joined Prosperity Avenue Baptist Church in Tulare. Mom also attended Visalia Christian Ministry every Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Visalia and was

a charter member when Visalia Christian Ministry transferred their meeting place to Hometown Buffet in Visalia.

Mom taught Sunday School to young kids, teens and even adults. Mom also led women's Bible study and was a leader in AWANA Club. Bible study was mom's favorite hobby in the later years of her life with prophecy being her favorite topic.

Other hobbies include traveling with trips to Sequoia and the coastal area. Mom and Dad also made a few trips with her siblings and their spouses back east for Fields' family reunions. Mom took Jayne and Tim and their family's on one of those trips to Georgia to meet and get acquainted with family that lived in Georgia. Mom, Jason, Staci and Jayne went twice to the Stamps Baxter School of Music in Nashville, Tennessee and just a few years ago took a road trip to Texas to see Tim and Susan.

The list of things that mom enjoyed could go on and on from having people in her home for dinner to taking dinner to families in need. She enjoyed playing with her kids whether it was grandma to Jayne's baby dolls or hide and seek or baseball with Tim, cousins, or other kids from the neighborhood. Other kids were amazed that mom would play with us. She enjoyed having Jason and Staci spend the night with her.

Survivors include sister, Nola Turner, Canton, Michigan; daughter Jayne and husband, Richard Duggins, Visalia; son Tim and wife, Susan, Tyler, Texas; grandson, Jason Duggins, Visalia, and granddaughter, Staci Salmeron and husband Robert, Visalia.

Linnia's kids, Jayne and Tim, welcome you to a Celebration of her Life on Thursday, August 1st, 11 a.m. at Henderson Avenue Baptist Church. Viewing will be at 10 a.m. In Lieu of flowers please send donations to My Fathers House Visalia 1525 E. Noble Ave #298, Visalia CA 93292 <<http://www.myfathershousevisalia.com/>>

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Henderson Avenue Baptist Church
1876 Henderson Ave
Porterville, CA 93257

Funeral

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Henderson Avenue Baptist Church
1876 Henderson Ave
Porterville, CA 93257

Graveside

AUG 1. 12:30 PM (PT)

Woodville Public Cemetery
17203 Ave 168
Woodville, CA 93257

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Linnia Lou Smith*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - July 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linnia Lou Smith.*



July 29, 2019 at 08:27 PM