



Bess Smith

June 17, 1921 - August 1, 2009

SMITH, BESS CLARK, 88, of Birmingham passed away on August 1, 2009. She spent her life spreading joy and laughter to those around her. She was a long time member of Saint Barnabas Catholic Church where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, assisted with meals for Senior Citizens and worked in the Food Pantry. She was past President of the St. Barnabas School PTA. Mrs. Smith was retired from Medical Center East Hospital where she lovingly greeted those arriving for emergency care. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James C. Smith, Sr. and grandson, Greg Hart. She was the last survivor of the eight children of Joseph H. and Nora Clark of Church Hill, TN. She is survived by two daughters, Karen Woods (Tom) of Hoover, Jackie Albrecht (Ken) of Huntsville, and three sons, James C. Smith, Jr. (Janet) of Roswell, GA, Tom (Jan) of Birmingham, and Mike (Faith) of Hoover. She is survived by grandchildren Chris Hart (Ken Cordle), Kevin Hart (Susan), Gina Ingram (Shane), Kim Guthrie (Scott), Amanda Edenfield (Clint), Kendra Collins (Robin), Krista Smith, Janelle Madi (George), Erin Smith, Jessica Albrecht, and Seth Albrecht (Chris); great grandchildren: Miranda Ingram, Christian Nicodemus, Addison and Payton Edenfield, Angelica and Caitlin Hart, Abbey Collins, Adeliz Smith-Duran, Shane and Jordan Albrecht. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Catholic Church with burial to follow in Forest Hills Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Church on Monday, August 3, 2009 from 5 until 8 p.m. with a Wake- Rosary Service at 7

p.m. Pallbearers will be Chris and Kevin Hart, Danny DeVaughn, Shane Ingram, Robin Collins, George Madi, and Clint Edenfield. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the St. Barnabas Catholic School Endowment Fund, 7901 First Avenue North, Birmingham, AL. 35206 or to Caring Hands Hospice 225 University Blvd., Suite 203, Tuscaloosa, AL. 35401. Messages of comfort and condolence may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.gardendalefuneralhome.com Arrangements are by Gardendale's only locally owned and operated funeral home, 205-631-8810. GO IRISH!

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Jackie and all,
Remember how your mother used to say, "You're gonna miss me when I'm gone!" :-) I surely do miss her.
Since my Mother's passing I have come to realize much more clearly that the reality of Heaven is just as much a matter of our basic Christian faith as our belief in the existence of God and Christ. If we say we believe in Christ, we must believe that what He has told us is true about life after death in Heaven for all true believers. In light of Heaven's actual existence and sure rewards, we can be happy for our loved ones' gain despite the sadness of our loss, and greatly comforted by looking forward to our reunion relatively soon with all those in the Lord who have gone on before us.
May God bless and comfort us as we put our full faith and trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the God of our fathers and mothers.

Bob Cosby - February 18, 2010 at 08:40 PM

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“ Dear Tom, Jan and Family All of the family sends our condolences and prayers. I wanted to come and pay respects but I had a virus. It has been a long time since we last spoke but I think of all the family all the time. If you need anything please call.
With all our love, Irene, Dee Heather, Gavin Jeremy, Jennifer, Emma Haynes

irene haynes - August 04, 2009 at 12:03 AM

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“ Chris, Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. We love you. Lee and Sylvia Pietraszak

Pietraszak Family - August 03, 2009 at 12:14 PM