



Daisy Harvey Smith

April 11, 1929 - April 3, 2025

Daisy Harvey Smith, born to be a teacher on April 11, 1929, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Born to Charles Davis Harvey and Ruby Duke Harvey in Monticello, Georgia, she graduated from Monticello High School and Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College in Milledgeville) with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She received her first elementary teaching certificate in 1950 and began a career with over 50 years in the classroom leading young minds.

Daisy began her career in Carrollton City Schools and later moved to Spalding County teaching in Northside Elementary School, Third Ward Elementary School, Griffin Academy, First United Methodist Church Preschool, and, for thirty-three years, First Baptist Church Preschool. Nothing thrilled her more than to have a former student, the parent of a former student, and, on occasion, someone who was both, come up to her and let her know how much she meant to them in getting a good start in life. Most often, Daisy could remember exactly where the child sat in her classroom just by hearing the name.

Daisy came from a large extended family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Charlotte Harvey Gilchrist, sister-in-law Alice Smith Wolf, and brothers-in-law Thomas Gilbert Gilchrist and Daniel Wolf. She was the last survivor of thirteen first cousins and double first cousins who

grew up together in Monticello, a group that made for lively annual reunions.

The love of her life was her husband, John J. “Jack” Smith, Jr., whom she married in 1954. Over the next thirty years preceding his death in 1984, they enjoyed camping across the United States with their children and, as you might expect from the family of a County Extension Agent, growing a large garden followed by freezing and canning vegetables for use later. Daisy also enjoyed traveling internationally, amazed that a “little girl from Monticello” could stand in front of Buckingham Palace, St. Peter’s Basilica, and on the Great Wall of China. In 2002, she took her whole family on a trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Daisy was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and JOY Sunday School Class in Griffin. She was a long-time member of the Kiwanianne Club as well as several community clubs around the county. In 2000, Daisy was named Older Worker of the Year for the Southern Crescent region of Georgia by the Council on Aging upon nomination by the First Baptist Church Preschool.

Daisy loved her family dearly. She is survived by a daughter, Claire Smith Manning (Dexter) of Peachtree City; a son, James Davis Smith (Janet) of Griffin; five grandchildren, Jennifer Manning Ingram (Cason), Whitney Manning Perry (Nick), Bradley Keith Manning (Tori), Hallie Davis Smith (finance Thai), and Thomas Neal Smith. Daisy was blessed to know four great-grandchildren, Lauren and Rachel Ingram and Ella and Liam Perry. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Daisy was very appreciative of the loving care she received in her later years from the staff of The Woods Senior Care.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Haisten-McCulloch Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin,

Georgia. A celebration of life will be held following visitation at 2:00 pm in the chapel of Haisten-McCullough Funeral Home. The Reverend Debby Stikes will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Baptist Church Weekday Preschool, 106 West Taylor Street, Griffin, Georgia 30223.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Dr.
Griffin, GA 30223

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
Griffin, GA 30224
(770) 229-4994
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

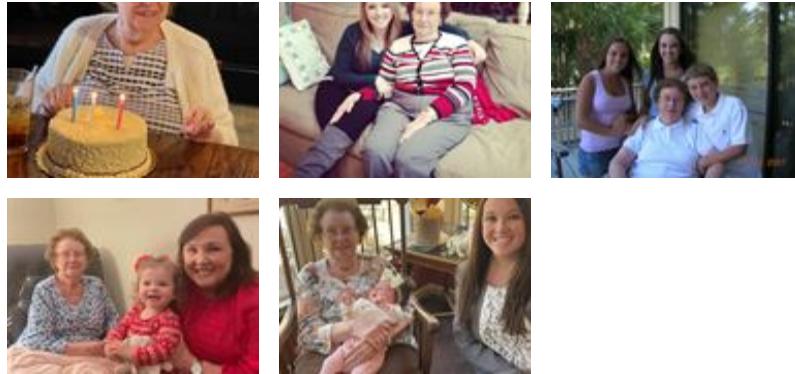


“ *Jeanne L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daisy Harvey Smith.*

Jeanne L. - April 15, 2025 at 06:29 PM



“ *71 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - April 07, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - April 07, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Tracy Mantell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Daisy Harvey Smith.*



Tracy Mantell - April 07, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daisy Harvey Smith.

April 06, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daisy Harvey Smith.



April 06, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Love, Steve Walton purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Daisy Harvey Smith.



Love, Steve Walton - April 05, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Love, Tim, Deannine, Ross, Sarah & Katie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Daisy Harvey Smith.



Love, Tim, Deannine, Ross, Sarah & Katie - April 04, 2025 at 04:03 PM