



Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith

May 9, 1938 - July 31, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that the Smith family announces the death of their beloved mother, Mrs. Arletrice Johnson Smith, 87.

Mrs. Smith, the widow of Perry Orell Smith and John Timothy King Jr., entered into rest on Thursday, July 31, 2025. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 2 o'clock on Saturday, August 2, 2025, in Lakeview Baptist Church. The Rev. Ken Hughes will officiate, with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Agape Hospice, PO Box 37, Lexington, SC 29072, or Lakeview Baptist Church, 202 Lakeview Boulevard, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Mrs. Smith was born on Monday, May 9, 1938, in Darlington County, SC. She is the daughter of the late Rodney James Johnson and the late Lillian Johnson.

Letty was a 1955 graduate of Hartsville High School and went on to graduate from the Kershaw Hospital School of Nursing in 1959 as a Registered Nurse. She was employed as a nurse in the Bowen Clinic of Hartsville, fifteen years

as a surgical nurse in Byerly Hospital Operation Room. She retired from Galey and Lord after twenty four years as a Certified Occupational Health Nurse. Letty was a faithful member of Lakeview Baptist Church for over fifty years and loved serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She enjoyed traveling with church groups and on family vacations. Among her most favorite things to do included going to her monthly outings with her beloved "5 Alive" neighbors who had all lived in the same neighborhood for over forty years.

She is survived by her sons, Gregory Smith (Carol) of Hartsville, SC; daughter, Marsha Smith Van Bibber (Bruce) of Warner Robbins, GA; stepdaughter, Clara Brown (Bill) of Charlotte, NC; stepson Julian King (Mary Alice) of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, Chad Gainey of Weston, OH, Anna Spinks (Matthew) of Amarillo, TX, Kayce (Lucia) Smith, Kyle (Brooke) Smith, Kari Boykin (Stephen) all of Hartsville, SC; step-grandchildren Heather Hanson (Dana) and Hogan VanSickle of Charlotte, NC, Merritt King, Elizabeth (Betts) King, both of Hartsville, SC; six great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; special nephew, Michael Webb (Sharon) of Hartsville, SC; brothers, R.B. Johnson, Ronnie Johnson; sisters, Anne Sprayberry, Elaine Reid.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Perry Orell Smith; second husband, John Timothy King, Jr; her son, Todd Smith; brother, Reid Johnson; sister, Pat Atkinson.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church
202 Lakeview Blvd,
Hartsville, SC

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Baptist Church
202 Lakeview Blvd,
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Rest in peace Mrs. Letty.*

Les Crowley - August 03, 2025 at 08:10 PM

FL

“ *So sorry to hear about your Mother. I will be praying for your family.*

Fran Langley - August 03, 2025 at 09:56 AM

JE

“ *Sorry to hear about Letty, she was a good neighbor and a find person!*

Jeanette - August 03, 2025 at 01:53 AM

JM

“ *Letty was a special person. Knew her from working at Gale and Lord and being Mike's Aunt. Prayers for your family.*

Judy Mcdaniel - August 02, 2025 at 08:52 PM

BW

“ *Letty was a life long friend*



Barbara Weatherford - August 02, 2025 at 08:07 PM

CW

“ We are very sorry to hear about Ms. Letty. We enjoyed working with her at Galey&Lord. Very sweet lady. Craig and Candy

Craig & Candy Wyrick - August 02, 2025 at 07:27 PM

BM

“ Letty was such a sweet person. I always enjoyed talking with her. Prayers for her family.



Billie McMaanus - August 02, 2025 at 07:18 PM

AH

“ So sorry to hear about Letty, I worked with her for several years, she was our plant nurse at Galey and Lord, such a sweet and caring person! Sending my love and prayers!
Ann Hudson

Ann Hudson - August 02, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DM

“ Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Denise McLain - August 01, 2025 at 09:06 PM

MS

“ Mike And Pat Sparrow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Mike and Pat Sparrow - August 01, 2025 at 06:07 PM

CW

“ Dear Marsha and Greg and ALL of Letty's Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Letty. My Thoughts and Prayers are with each of You. May God give each of You... Peace, Comfort, Strength and Understanding in the days and months to come. May God wrap His Loving Arms around each of You. Cherish ALL the Wonderful Memories...I know y'all had many. Letty was such a Godly Woman... She loved her Lord, Family and Friends. She was fun to be around...somehow I found out her name was Arletrice and I would call her that!!! Such a Great Lady! She will be missed. Love and Prayers to you all.

Connie Sells Wallace - August 01, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SJ

“ My sympathies and prayers for the families in this loss.



Sally Johnson - August 01, 2025 at 05:26 PM

ED

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Evelyn Smith Dampier



Evelyn S Dampier - August 01, 2025 at 04:45 PM

LT

“ Loretta And Mike Tiller lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Loretta and Mike Tiller - August 01, 2025 at 02:11 PM

BG

“ Marsha, Melissa and I were sorry to hear about Letty. She was always a good friend for mom and she always smiling when I got to see her.

Byron Gainey - August 01, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SS

“ Letty always had a smile and kind word when we met. She truly loved her Lord, her family, her church, and her friends. Praying for peace and comfort that only God can give during this time. Marsha and family you have my sincere condolences
Sherron

Sherron Skipper - August 01, 2025 at 09:57 AM

KB

“ *Kay Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Kay Baker - August 01, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DH

“ *Donna Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Donna Hooks - August 01, 2025 at 09:37 AM

DB

“ *David And Beverly Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



David and Beverly Byrd - August 01, 2025 at 08:44 AM

BH

“ *Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Beverly Hooks - August 01, 2025 at 08:40 AM

MS

“ Our hearts are broken! Letty was very special to Mike and me! We have had a lot of good times through the years with she and Perry! Letty loved our Lord and served Him in so many ways! She was a wonderful person and friend! Greg, Marsha, Anne and all of the family, we love y'all and are praying for y'all. God never fails!!! Mike and Janice...Deut.31:6

Mike and Janice Smith - August 01, 2025 at 01:08 AM

CD

“ Cora Dial lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Cora Dial - August 01, 2025 at 12:12 AM

PP

“ Paulette Payne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Paulette Payne - July 31, 2025 at 11:59 PM

SJ

“ Sheila Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith



Sheila Johnson - July 31, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ *David Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



David Jordan - July 31, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ *Mike and I are so sorry to hear about Letty. Our prayers are with each of you. Mike & Brenda Northcutt.*



Mike and Brenda Northcutt - July 31, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ *Rebecca Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Rebecca Stroud - July 31, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Mrs. Letty was just a wonderful inspiration and so loving. Loving prayers for each of you. - Billy and Jo-Ann*

Billy and Jo-Ann Matthews - July 31, 2025 at 07:19 PM

TB

“ *Tonda Bunch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Tonda Bunch - July 31, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JP

“ *Letty meant so much to Forrest and I during our years in Hartsville and at Lakeview. She was an inspiration and a wonderful Godly woman.*
Jane Putnam



Jane Putnam - July 31, 2025 at 07:04 PM

CH

“ *cConnie Holley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



cConnie Holley - July 31, 2025 at 07:02 PM

ME

“ *Marie Euten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Marie Euten - July 31, 2025 at 06:18 PM

BG

“ *Bettina Gaskins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Arletrice "Letty" Johnson Smith*



Bettina Gaskins - July 31, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RJ

“ *Marsha & Greg so sorry for your loss will keep you all in my thoughts & prayers.*



Regina Jones - July 31, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TM

“ *Marsha and Greg, so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet, kind, outgoing lady and always showed affection to me.*

Tonda McLeod - July 31, 2025 at 05:29 PM

TH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about her passing. She was not my literal Aunt. But I always called her Aunt Letty or Aunt Lae lae. She holds a special place in my heart! If any of you need anything, please don't hesitate to call! Love and prayers to you all!*

teresa hill - July 31, 2025 at 05:24 PM

LS

“ *Marsha and Greg, I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mom. My prayers are with you.* ”



Louanne Smith - July 31, 2025 at 05:18 PM