



Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith

July 5, 1932 - March 30, 2016

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith, 83, who died peacefully on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, will be held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, April 2, 2016 in The Chapel of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The Rev. Lin Kirkman will officiate with burial to follow in Kelleytown Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 pm on Friday, April 1, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice, 1203 East Cheves Street, Florence, SC 29506 or the Darlington County Humane Society, PO Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mrs. Smith, widow of Joseph "Joe" Alex Smith, Jr., was born in Hartsville, SC on June 30, 1932, a daughter of the late J.C. and Annie Mazingo Melton. She was a member of Kelleytown Baptist Church and was employed with Robert E. Lee Academy for over 30 years.

Johnnie Lou was a dedicated wife for over 50 years; loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She stayed active with three generations of children in their school and social lives. Johnnie Lou carried her daughter to Robert E. Lee and stayed for 34 years, known to many Robert E. Lee children as "Ma Lou." In her retirement she enjoyed rocking on the porch at Santee and babysitting her granddog Zoey. She had concern for others and always found the good in everyone. Johnnie was healthy and lively

for 83 years, but remained positive until the the end.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Anne (Buck) Hough-Haire of Hartsville, SC; daughter-in-law, Sandra Smith of Hartsville, SC; brother, Pat (Marianne) Melton of Lexington, SC; sister-in-law, Bonnie Melton of Goose Creek, SC; grandchildren, Allison (Rex) Freeman of Hartsville, SC, Adrienne (Stuart Beasley) Smith of Hartsville, SC; great grandchildren, Wil Smith, Abby Smith, Amelia Freeman; several nieces and nephews.caregiver, Dana Dubose Coe of Hartsville, SC. She was preceded in death by her son, Joey Smith; brother, Mike Melton.

Cemetery Details

Kelleytown Baptist Church Cemetery

2609 Kelleytown Road
Kelleytown, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
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Service

APR 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Debbie Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith*



Debbie Odom - April 04, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *Anne, Mike, and family... I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Johnnie Lou....It hasn't been too awful long ago that I saw her and she actually remembered me....How could she possibly forget us anyways?? Me, along with Kay, Phyllis, and others were always "bugging" her about going swimming in her pool when we were young....Yall had the only cement pool in the county ..I think..lol.... She was always the same ole jolly self everytime I saw her since my childhood days...She was always kind and she always let us go swimming....no matter what else she had planned.....I know you will miss her....love, thoughts, and prayers are being sent to you and your family....so very sorry...*



Dianne James - April 02, 2016 at 12:19 PM

CM

“ *So sorry to have of the passing of your loved one. I went to BHS with her and she was such a sweet person. Sending thoughts and prayers to all the family at this sad time in your lives. Clara B. McElveen*

Clara B. McElveen - April 01, 2016 at 08:13 PM

CA

“ *Adrienne I'm so sorry for your loss. I know your granny was a fine lady because you are. I don't know what to say just know that you're in my prayers. I love you and I'm here for you anytime. Love Carolyn Andrews*

Carolyn Andrews - April 01, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ *76 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - April 01, 2016 at 10:36 AM

TW

Johnnie Lou will be greatly missed by so many...I loved her sweet spirit and her love for all, especially the children of all ages... I have such fond memories of this remarkable lady! much love to all... Terri

Terri Woodham - April 01, 2016 at 02:30 PM

PM

“ *Anne, Adrienne and all the family, I am sorry for your loss and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Phyllis W. McCoy*



Phyllis W. McCoy - April 01, 2016 at 09:06 AM

SW

“ Anne, So sorry for your loss. Ms Johnny Lou Was a special Lady, with a Beautiful soul. She will be missed. Praying for comfort, Love, Susan & Carl



Susan Watkins - April 01, 2016 at 07:49 AM

MB

“ Great lady. She will be missed. Anne we will keep you in our prayers. Matt and Betsy Bramlett Bishopville,SC

Matt Bramlett - April 01, 2016 at 06:57 AM

DB

“ I always loved being around Johnnie Lou in our teenage years she was so much fun. She will be missed. May God be kind to you Anne during this time of the loss of your Mother and best friend Love u

DONNA T BROWN - March 31, 2016 at 09:33 PM

PJ

“ Peggy Jo Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith



Peggy Jo Jordan - March 31, 2016 at 09:18 PM

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Peggy Jo Jordan - March 31, 2016 at 09:18 PM

RW

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Raymond Watkins - March 31, 2016 at 09:17 PM

RW

This 1983 photo was taken at Robert E. Lee Academy in Bishopville, where Ms. Johnnie Lou worked for over 30 years at the Canteen. She is pictured here with Ms. Lillian Moore (right) (submitted by Raymond Watkins, Class of 1984)

Raymond Watkins - March 31, 2016 at 09:20 PM

LG

These ladies were best friends for about 50 years. My moma loved Mrs. Johnnie Lou. They had many good times together.

Lynn

Lynn Griggs - April 01, 2016 at 01:54 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Flowers Pait lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith



Carolyn Flowers Pait - March 31, 2016 at 09:01 PM

KR

“ Kathryn Roscoe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith



Kathryn Roscoe - March 31, 2016 at 07:32 PM

JB

“ Jeanette S. Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith



Jeanette S. Blackmon - March 31, 2016 at 06:04 PM

PJ

“ Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Johnnie Lou Melton Smith



Peggy Johnson - March 31, 2016 at 02:18 PM