



Mrs. Edna Rea Sartain Smith

June 14, 1932 - July 3, 2024

Edna Rea Sartain Smith died peacefully early on July 3, while she was surrounded by her three children, as she moved from this world to her eternal home. Rea was preceded in death by her husband of almost 55 years, R. M. “Smitty” Smith, Jr.; a grandson Judd Marian Plott; parents, Charlie B. Sartain and Vela Nash Sartain; a sister Jane Sartain Coile; and a brother Charles R. Sartain. She is survived by her three children: Charles Roy and wife Jennifer (Athens, GA); Elizabeth Vela and husband Mike Plott (Blairsville, GA); Britt Marian (Athens, GA); three grandchildren: Ally Smith (Pete Amadhanirundr), Samuel Smith, and Maggie Plott; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born June 14, 1932, Rea graduated from Danielsville High School in 1950 and was a devoted wife and mother. She loved her family and was known affectionately as “Maw,” to dozens of “adopted” children and grandchildren whom she welcomed and adored. She was actively involved in every church in which she was a member, including Royston Baptist Church, where she actively participated with the Library Committee, the Senior Adult group, and sang in the Choir.

Rea was happiest when she was with her family. She and her husband moved to Royston after living in the Atlanta area for more than 30 years. Growing up share-cropping in the Bond community, Rea learned to appreciate the importance of family, the act of giving, and the value of simplicity. Our world

has been made a better place because of her presence. She was always loving, accepting, and kind.

The family is deeply indebted to Hospice Nurse Josh Howland, Grace Todd, and Melissa Murphy for their loving assistance in Rea's care.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the Jones Chapel Methodist Church on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Jones Chapel Methodist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. During other times the family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Rea's memory to Jones Chapel Cemetery Fund (5601 US Hwy 29 Danielsville, GA 30633) or to Athens Area Habitat for Humanity (P. O. Box 1261 Athens, GA 30603).

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Jones Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery

5601 Highway 29
Danielsville, GA 30633

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Jones Chapel United Methodist Church
5601 Highway 29
Danielsville, GA

Service

JUL 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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5601 Highway 29
Danielsville, GA

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Smitty and Rea were good friends to us. We had so much fun with our TIGERS and their DAWGS. Will miss the cards and contact. Blessings to the Family and our Sympathy to all of you. They Loved you!!*
Leslie and Jan



Leslie and Jan Boles - July 11, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ *Emmie Alice Holloway Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Rea Sartain Smith*



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“ *Rea and Smitty were true friends, I loved having them in my life and the memories I share of them and their awesome children. May her memory be eternal.*

Barbara McGouirk - July 06, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *Becky Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Edna Rea Sartain Smith*



Becky Lindsey - July 05, 2024 at 05:04 PM