



## Mrs. Shelby Jean Smith

September 15, 1938 - October 25, 2021

Shelby “Jean” Smith, 83, of the Rainbow Crossing community died on October 25th, 2021.

Jean was born on September 15th, 1938. Her parents were the late Euell and Olive Thomas.

Jean balanced being a loving wife, mother, and grandmother with successful careers in cosmetology and later real estate. For over 20 years, she was part of a three-generation real estate company with her daughter, Karen, and granddaughter, Holli. Those that were in need, even complete strangers, always seemed to be led to her and she would always extend whatever help she could, no questions asked. She was belovedly known as “Mother Jean” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters: Karen and Jeanean Smith, two granddaughters: Shea (Stephen) Beard and Holli Rae (Jesse) Shelton, and four great-grandchildren: James Haden and Della Mae Beard, Raelee Grace and Fisher Thomas Shelton, and a host of nephews.

He is preceded in death by her husband Ray Haden Smith, her infant daughter, Mary, her parents, and sister, Dorothy Jarvis.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Rock Springs United Methodist Church, 1904 County Hwy 6, Blountsville, AL, 35031. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, assisting the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Great memories abound with Aunt Jean. She was always very loving and full of compliments to me. She never really came out and said it but I think I was her favorite nephew (Ha). She will be missed here, but it is comforting to know that her and Uncle Ray are reunited.

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**Patrick Smith** - October 28, 2021 at 06:56 PM

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“ Tricia and I send our condolences. We remembered back in '94 she was showing us houses to buy. We were out in the Blount County looking at a farmhouse on a dirt road. On our return trip we encountered a rattlesnake in the road and she drove back and forth till it was “daid” as in pulverized with her front tire. We laughed about how seriously she didn't like that snake and she was protecting us. Godspeed Ms Jean. Love Bill and Tricia Cash.

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**bill Cash** - October 27, 2021 at 10:17 PM

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“ Momma Jean was always so special to me. I spent a lot of my younger years with Ray, Jean, Kay and Jeanean. They always treated me as one of their family members, and I loved each of them as my family. Some of my favorite memories as a child was with the Smith family. I will always cherish those times and keep them close to my heart. Ray and Jean were special people, kind and generous and I know they will be missed by all who knew them. May you both Rest In Peace and I Love you. Always, Sherry

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**Sherry Boyd** - October 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM