



Vernetta Smith

January 14, 1933 - January 26, 2016

Vernetta Mae Smith, age 83 years, a resident of West Frankfort, Illinois and a native of Cypress and former 30 year resident of Chester, passed away Tuesday morning, January 26, 2016, at 8:50 AM at Franklin Hospital in Benton, Illinois.

Vernetta was born January 14, 1933 in rural Cypress, Illinois. She was the second of four children born to Almus G. and Stella Mae (Osman) Dunn.

On November 5, 1952, Vernetta was united in marriage to Donald L. Smith at Jonesboro, Illinois. He survives.

Other survivors include: her son and daughter-in-law – Jim and Judy Smith of Champaign; 2 grandsons – James Smith and Sandy & Cassandra Smith; 3 great grandchildren – Wyatt, Daltin, and Cole; a brother – Al & Rosetta Dunn of West Frankfort; 2 sisters – Yvonne Hall of Chester and Gayla Jones of Marion; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives and many dear friends.

Vernetta was preceded in death by her parents – Almus G. Dunn and Stella Mae Dunn Adams.

Vernetta was a 1951 graduate of Vienna High School. For many years, she

operated Vernetta's Beauty Shop in Chester.

Vernetta was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church in West Frankfort. She and Donald previously were members of the First Baptist Church in Chester. Vernetta had been an active church worker and formerly taught Sunday School, served on various church committees, and was a choir member.

Vernetta enjoyed working crossword puzzles and is remembered by her family for her love of cooking.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning, January 30, 2016, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Phil Nelson will officiate. Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola.

Visitation will be held from 10 AM – 11 AM Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church, 1408 East Main St., West Frankfort, Illinois 62896.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vernetta Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Thinking about my Aunt Vernetta brings such a smile to my face. Beautiful and funny are the two words that describe her in my mind. I loved to hear her laugh and say the word Kid. As a little girl I liked to watch her in action with a comb in her hand fixing hair, she always had a great story to share with excitement and her laugh was really contagious.*

*It blessed me so much that I got to see Aunt Vernetta this past summer and spend some time with Her, Uncle Don and Jimmy. I have such joy in my heart knowing she is in the arms of Jesus, seeing family and friends that have gone on to Heaven before her. Blessings and much love to you both, Uncle Don and Jimmy.
Traci Lee Cato Ostland*

Traci Lee Cato Ostland - January 29, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Always a great neighbor and friend. While I have often been asked if i was related to Vernetta and her family, I always indicated we were about the same as relatives since we were such close neighbors and friends. When she was a beautician in Cypress, everybody thought Vernetta had to do their hair, as she did a great job, and she was a good listener and always in such a vivacious mood. A pleasure to always be with her. She was always a great role model for all.*

Wayne Dunn - January 29, 2016 at 08:12 PM

LG

“ Love always, Kathy, Angie, Jim, Scott, & Greg purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Vernetta Smith.



Love always, Kathy, Angie, Jim, Scott, & Greg - January 29, 2016 at 07:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernetta Smith.



January 29, 2016 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ Uncle Don and Jimmy,

I just wanted to share a few thoughts with you. I have very fond memories of you all. I get a smile on my face when I think about being young and all the great times at the family reunions. Those reunions were something I loved. I can't think about them without thinking about you all and the rest of my aunts, uncles and cousins. Specifically speaking of you all though, some of my fondest memories happened when I spent time at your house in Chester. My most favorite memory was when I was at your house and aunt Vernetta let Jimmy and I go outside to play. It had been raining and she told us not to track mud into the house. So what did Jimmy and I do? We tracked mud into the house and we both got a spanking. I am smiling now as I sit here think about it. I just wanted to take a moment to share my memories and condolences with you. I am so glad I had the chance to see the three of you at the reunion a few years ago. Just wanted to say that Aunt Vernetta was a wonderful aunt. Love you all.

Donnie

Donnie Cato - January 28, 2016 at 08:46 PM

MC

“ *I have a lifetime of memories with Vernetta. She's been my sister-in-law since I was 7 years old. She was a wonderful Christian lady and she loved her family. Someday we'll have another family reunion and then we'll all be together again. I love you and I'll miss you. Margie Ann Conner*

Marjorie Conner - January 27, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SW

“ I will always remember the good times as neighborhood children. Also the recent times of being together. We can always be thankful for the memories. Shirley Whitaker

shirley whitaker - January 27, 2016 at 03:24 PM

PM

“ I will always remember fun times working with Vernetta at P.D. Lentz store and lunch at Doc's Cafe at Cypress. Phyllis Mosley Myers.

Phyllis M. Myers - January 27, 2016 at 01:19 PM