



Gayla Marie "Ma" Smith

May 4, 1954 - November 10, 2015

Gayla Marie "Ma" Smith, a resident of Wynnewood, OK, was born on May 4, 1954 in Wynnewood, OK to Idella Elizabeth (Hale) and William Wesley Gaines. She was called home to be with her beloved Ya-Ya on November 10, 2015 in Ardmore, OK at the age of 61. She had grown up and attended school in Lindsay where she graduated in 1972. She lived there until she married Tommy E. Smith and she then moved to Wynnewood in 1984 where she spent the rest of her life.

Growing up she was the youngest of three girls and was naturally a daddy's girl who got her way and could do no wrong. This behavioral trait would follow her throughout her life and the rest of us would just have to understand and is what we came to love about her. She had been employed at both SORC and Garvin County Community Living Center where she had a strong bond with a number of clients throughout her career in that field. Gayla was blessed late in life with the gift of grandchildren which she dearly loved. Spoiling them was her upmost priority while discipline was not, it was notably discouraged in her presence...and absence. Outings to the lake, fishing, working in her yard and garden were things she enjoyed as well. Her cooking was exceptional and complimented by all who were introduced to it. Pets were also a big part of her life as was The Bachelor/Bachelorette and unsweet tea.

Gayla was preceded in death by her husband Tommy E. Smith in 1998, her

parents, sister – Vicki Lou Gaines, daughter – Jana Sexton, and granddaughter – Elizabeth Jewel Thomas.

Survived by daughter Misti Collins and husband Butch of Wynnewood, OK, Son – Ryan Smith and fiancée Jana of Wynnewood, OK, sister – Connie Rogers of Haileyville, OK, grandchildren – Josie Dawn Collins, Kaitlyn and Levi Ryan Smith all of Wynnewood, OK.

Services will be held on Friday November 13, 2015 at 1:00 PM at DeArman Funeral Chapel in Wynnewood, OK with Bro. Eddie Dye officiating. Interment will follow at Elmore City Cemetery. Services under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home of Wynnewood. Please send online condolences to www.dearmanfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

NOV 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

DeArman Funeral Home- Wynnewood
103 E Cherokee St
Wynnewood, OK 73098
(405) 665-4554
<https://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayla Marie "Ma" Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Gayla's family,
Sorry to learn of her passing. Had fun times in
high school together. Your tribute to Gayla
was a lot like I remember her. Prayers for the
family.*

Carolyn Malena-Franklin - November 20, 2015 at 07:39 PM



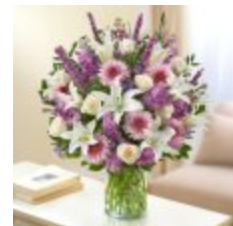
“ *Rachel Robertson lit a candle in memory of
Gayla Marie "Ma" Smith*

Rachel Robertson - November 13, 2015 at 08:17 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White was
purchased for the family of Gayla Marie "Ma"
Smith.*

November 12, 2015 at 02:25 PM



MC

“ *Misti Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Gayla Marie "Ma" Smith*



misti collins - November 12, 2015 at 07:39 AM

VD

“ *Gayla always made my boys welcome in her home. They have many fond memories of trips to the lake with her and Tommy. Ryan, I giggled today thinking about some of the stories you tell, especially about when she would step outside and yell at the dog when people were picking up their kids from school. Hold fast to the great memories you have of her. Prayers for your family during this most difficult time. Love you, Vicki Deakins*

Vicki Deakins - November 12, 2015 at 01:32 AM