



Juanita Warriner

July 27, 1921 - February 2, 2010

Funeral Services for Juanita "Smithy" Warriner, 88, of Tishomingo will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Milburn, Oklahoma with Rev. Richard Corn officiating. Interment will follow in the Bold Springs Cemetery in the Bold Springs Community. Pallbearers for the service will be: Ron Coppedge, Dallas Boggs, Marvin Smither, Larry Bentley, James Rowland and Larry Cribbs. Honorary Bearers will be: Basil Bigbie, Mark Landrum, Bill Corbin, C. D. Robertson, Jr. and Jack Penner.

Mrs. Warriner passed away on Tuesday, February 2nd at the Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Juanita was born on July 27, 1921 in the Bold Springs Community near Milburn, to Alvin A. Smith and Mora Palmer Smith. She attended Bold Springs Elementary, graduated from Milburn High School and Murray State School of Agriculture, (now Murray State College). She also attended Harms School of Business in Berkley, California and San Francisco State College on the Santa Rosa, California campus. On October 19, 1960 she married Ernest Warriner in Tucson, Arizona. She had a long career as a secretary and bank officer and after returning to Johnston County in 1977, she retired as cashier from the First State Bank (now Landmark Bank) in Tishomingo. She was a member of Tishomingo Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, serving as chaplain; member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Durant; Past Chapter President

and Secretary of Julia Jackson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Durant and held every office in Johnston County Historical & Genealogical Society since becoming a member in 1978. She was also a member of the Board of Landmark Bank. Juanita served on the Board of Control of the Johnston Memorial Hospital for several years, and on the Board of the Murray State College Foundation. She was a founding member (Secretary) of the Milburn Educational Foundation, and remains a member. She accepted Christ into her life during a summer revival at the Nazarene Church at Fillmore, at the age of 12. While a student at Murray, she joined the First Baptist Church in Tishomingo and at the time of her death, was a member of the Milburn Baptist Church, having served as Church Clerk, Sunday School Secretary, Vacation Bible School Director and a member of the Executive Board.

In addition to her husband, Juanita was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Flossie May Smith in 1925 and Wanda Smith Caldwell in 1970; a brother, Thomas F. "Buddy" Smith in 1987.

She is survived by a step-daughter, Rita Stitzel of Nevada; a step-son, Wayne Lund of Oklahoma; a niece, Louise Smith Zimmerman of Milburn; nephews, Wayne Caldwell of Bokchito, OK, Tommy Caldwell of Armstrong, OK and Buddy Gene Smith of Plano Texas; eleven great-nieces & nephews, in include, Rodney, Shannon, Brittany Caldwell, all of Milburn and with whom she enjoyed a grandmother relationship. Also surviving are twelve great-grand-nieces & nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to the Milburn Baptist Church, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children, Milburn Educational Foundation, Murray College Foundation, or the Bold Springs Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Juanita Warriner*

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“ *Smithy was such a wonderful woman. I will miss my great Aunt greatly. As a child, I spend many holidays with her and Ernie. Those are fond memories. As an adult, I loved spending time with her, talking about the past and our ancestors. She was a wealth of information and inspired me to research and appreciate genealogy. As much as she will be missed, I know she is catching up with others who have passed on and she is happy. My family will miss you, Smithy.*

Jessica Weaver - February 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Juanita at one of the Smith family reunions over twelve years ago. She was always willing to share her family history with others and helped the Smith family research a great deal. I was another recipient of the packets that Juanita would send by mail to share her research. It was wonderful to open the unexpected packets and see the information that she had discovered.*

I will miss our telephone conversations very much. We would call each other to discuss family research and any new discoveries. She was someone that I was proud to call cousin and friend.

Juanita touched the lives of a lot of people and she will really be missed.

Linda Roach - February 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“*“Smithy” was a special lady. We met her several years ago when she came to Jon & Kristi Herd's with Tom Caldwell. After Tom's death she continued to come for birthdays, Fourth of July, and other celebrations. She was always a joy to be with. We will miss her.*

Leah Kennedy - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“*Smithy was a dear person. She was just like part of our family and we so enjoyed her at all the parties or holiday get togethers. She was like a great grandmother to my sweet nieces. She will definitely be missed.*

Charlotte Apel & Family - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“*I met Juanita at one of the Smith reunions in Longview. She was so quite but when she spoke you knew that she was a very intelligent, thoughtful, person. I admired her dedication to researching our common ancestors.*

Juanita surprised me several times by sending me little packages in the mail with the most wonderful copies of documents tucked inside from her research. She was so thoughtful to share her research so generously with all in the family.

Juanita will truly be missed by all of those who were lucky enough to have known her.

Rebecca "Becky" Spalding - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *It is with regret and sorrow that I never had the opportunity to meet or greet Ms Warriner. For the past 10 years or so Juanita and I exchange e-mails*

often regarding our Smith genealogy. She was pleased to know that her heritage extends back to the mid 1700's in Amherst County Virginia. She was so dedicated to researching and documenting the history of her Smith families. Although she had hopes of visiting the home place of her early Smith and Whitehead families, I am sorry she never had the opportunity to do so. RIP Cousin Juanita. Cousin Bucky Harris, Staunton,

Va.

Lynden "Bucky" Harris - February 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ Dear Ino Jean, Buddy, Louise and families,

Though long in years, it was a shock to learn of Juanita's terminal hospitalization. Our lives first touched in the 1980s. She placed a query in the Arkansas Historian concerning her Smith family. I knew when I read her query that she was an unknown Smith family cousin. My grandmother Nancy Smith Tucker was a daughter of John Jackson Smith and his wife, Lucinda Heatly. Juanita descended from Elias Birchfield Smith, a son of John Jackson and Lucinda. Elias married his first cousin, Permelia Ware Osborne.

Juanita was in contact with cousin Anita Jones Adler who descends from Dr. Ephraim Brevard Osborne who married Nancy Smith, an aunt of Elias Birchfield. Juanita, Anita, and myself subsequently spent several enjoyable years as a trio of Smith Family researchers. Juanita visited Kathryn and I several times here in Arkansas. The highlight of our Smith year was our getting together for three days at our annual Smith family reunion. We last talked this past Thanksgiving

It was a great happening when Juanita came into my life. She was a wonderful, strong willed, independent lady of the old school and a loved cousin. She always wanted to give and share. On perhaps her first visit, we visited the Rowell Cemetery at Center Church in Cleveland County. Many of our Smith family are buried there. She tried to give me twenty-dollars for gas money. I refused it. About two weeks later, I discovered a neatly folded twenty-dollar bill tucked into the console of my car.

Juanita, I am already missing you.

Our love to all,

The Tuckers, Bill and Kathryn

William S. "Bill" Tucker - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Smithy was a very special and precious lady to us. She was like a great grandmother to our daughters. She came to all of their birthday parties. They enjoyed shooting baskets with her!!!We will miss her dearly, but we know she is in heaven with Jesus!*

Kristi Herd - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Will miss her very much.*

Benny & Ruth Smith - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM