



## Mildred Lee Smith

May 5, 1932 - October 29, 2025

How do you condense 93 years of a blessed and fruitful life into one page of written statements? You don't! You just concentrate on the things that drove and influenced that life the most. For Mom, Mildred Lee Smith that was God, family and a life of service to others.

Born 5-5-1932 to Caroline (Turner) McBroom and John McBroom Jr of Wynnewood, and Raymond Stevenson of Pauls Valley. She received her "well done" on 10-29-2025 in Sulphur.

Mom, Mama, Granny, Grandma, Aunt Mildred, Mil, Sis Smith, Red, Ms. Mildred, Ms. Smith, friend, Cuz, or whatever name you may have called her, was a strong woman, strong in her beliefs and strong willed in her determinations to do right and treat others right. She fought a good fight and finished her course, persevering until her change came. Baptized at the age of 12 at the Hopewell Baptist Church, Big Woods, Wynnewood. She moved her membership when she moved to town and united with the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in 1948. She served as a faithful member until death, and worked fruitfully until she became bedridden and wasn't physically able to work as she desired. She held numerous church offices and positions over the many years. She served as Mission President, teacher, Junior Mission Director, and especially enjoyed serving over the Kitchen Ministry. She could be found shopping, preparing,

serving food and mostly supervising others anytime there was an occasion involving eating food or feeding someone.

Mom, began her work career as a domestic, cleaning homes over the years for several prominent families. She went back to school and earned her GED, at which time she started working as cook, teacher's aide, and teacher for the Indian Nation Head Start Program. She then was hired at the Pauls Valley State School in which she worked many years retiring in the top position of 24-Hour Facility Supervisor.

Mom spent many years as President of the Wynnewood Senior Citizens Center, in which at one time she almost single-handedly kept it going. Purchasing, planning, budgeting and saving thousands of dollars that was turned in to her successors as operational funds to continue the Center.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Oren Smith Sr., Siblings; Joe McNeil (Rena), Johnnie Mae Jackson (Zeke), Erma Jean Allen (Ivason), Lois Stevenson, and Frankie Ford and many of their children. One daughter, Vanessa, daughter in law, Cookie. Oren's children; Friendly, Olivia, Marcie Lee, Ora Mae and Alice. Oren's grandchildren that she raised Lynn, Calvin and Alex. Oren's other grandchildren Eric, Chris, Becky, Kenneth and Doris.

Mom's biggest legacy is the family that she leaves behind to carry on her faith, her love, and her gift of servanthood to God and mankind. Serving as her testament to all are her sons; Arthur Joe Sr., his children, JJ, DeDe, Cona and Meme; Cecil, his son Jamie; Oren Jr., his children Shernaë, Cam, and Oren III; and Sammy, and his son Richard; along with her daughters Calline (Kirk), and their children Sheldon and VaNessa; Cecilyn (Rick) and their children Ken, Shayla, and Richard, and Rosalind (Roy), and their children; Roy Jr., Terry, TaNiesha and Key. Along with 44 biological, great grandchildren, 2

great, great grandchildren, and another in the making. She also leaves to mourn her passing; one sister Dalphene Harper, nephews; John McNeil, Zeke Jackson Jr., Bob Jackson and nieces; Mary Wright, Virgie Ranson and their children and grandchildren. Oren's daughter Mary, granddaughters Rosemary, Sara, Johnette, Stepheny, Sherry, Marla, and BreAna, their children and grandchildren, and Allison and SirLynn. Oren's grandsons Darris, Kaleb, Rodrick and their children and grandchildren.

Mildred's family would like to thank the Artesian Home, Michelle and staff for the personal and loving treatment extended to her during her stay at the Artesian Home. Special thanks to Hannah, Dr. Oden, Jessie and Good Shepherd Hospice. We are forever grateful to all that help take care of our Mom.

A family visitation will be held on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5-7PM in the DeArman Funeral Home Chapel in Wynnewood. Services will follow on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 11AM at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Wynnewood with interment following at the Hopewell Cemetery. Services are led by Pastor Kirk D. Rushing & Pastor J. Sheldon Williams. Services are under the direction of the DeArman Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Cemetery

Wynnewood, OK

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Going to miss you my beautiful Aunt Mildred!!! 💕

Reva Newton - October 31, 2025 at 12:27 PM

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“ Anita Elaine Gresham lit a candle for Mildred Lee Smith



Anita Gresham - October 31, 2025 at 11:49 AM

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“ This is another day that I truly hated to see come. As my sister Dimple said "I know that people don't live forever but I sure hate that we have to let go of that one." Mildred Lee Smith was a most phenomenal person that lived a Christian life that exemplified yProverbs 31 The Virtuous Woman. Ms. Mildred's legacy not only resonates through her familial bonds but through the love and kindness she whole heartedly shared with others that she crossed paths with. This patient and kind nice Christian lady touched many lives ---including mine. Ms. Mildred has always been there for our Gresham Family in both happy times and sad. This wonderful lady has worked tirelessly for her family, church, friends, and her community until age and health brought a close to her faithful service. I will forever feel her love and warmth when sleeping underneath the quilt that she made for me. She raised a wonderful family. My Mother is already in heaven. I appreciate her children for sharing their mother with me. My mom could no longer walk when she transitioned. But our mothers are able to walk again now. They can just walk around heaven wearing their well deserved crowns enjoying themselves all day. I could say so much more about Mildred Lee Smith at this time but it wouldn't be practical. As I told my sister Dimple " the heart remembers fondest what it has loved most so we hold many fond memories in our hearts for her." Once again our love and condolences to the family. Anita Elaine Gresham and Dimple Gresham-Dillard



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Anita Gresham - October 31, 2025 at 11:46 AM