



Jeanette Cleveland Smith

July 23, 1956 - February 8, 2025

Jeanette Smith, 68, of Gainesville, Georgia, passed away suddenly on February 8th, 2025, leaving heartbreak in her wake. Jeanette, endearingly called “Nana,” was born July 23rd, 1956, in Gainesville, Georgia to Annie and Joel Cleveland. She attended Brenau and Walden Universities, where she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education, respectively. Jeanette leaves behind her adored husband of nearly 38 years, Danny Smith; her treasured eldest daughter, Amanda Harris, alongside her cherished son-in-law, Bud Harris; and her two precious granddaughters, Laney and Lola Harris. Jeanette also leaves behind her deeply valued middle daughter, Lyndsay Smith, as well as her much loved son-in-law, CJ Allen; her prized youngest daughter, Kayla Smith; in addition to her highly regarded niece, Michelle Williams, whose father, Jeanette’s brother, preceded Jeanette in death a few years ago, along with Michelle’s sweet husband David Williams; her dear great-niece Savannah Williams; and her adorable great-great nephews Landon, Connor, and Koda Adams. Jeanette had such a heart for young children and teaching throughout her life. She spent nearly 15 years driving a school bus and then about 15 more educating young children in many schools across and outside of Hall County, touching the hearts of each one along the way. In her free time, Jeanette loved to travel with her beloved husband. With Danny by her side, she traveled to 49 states in the U.S. and was no stranger to traveling abroad. Inarguably, though, her favorite place to travel was the beach. She enjoyed walking, wading, and reading by the ocean. When she

wasn't dipping her toes in the salty water, lounging by the pool, or exploring the world, Jeanette had an incredible green thumb and knack for gardening. A Funeral Service will be held at NorthStar Family Church in Flowery Branch on Friday, February 14th at 1:00 p.m., with Dr. Russell Harbin and Dr. Bart McMillan officiating. A viewing service will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford on Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. where close friends and family are welcome to say goodbye. Jeanette will also Lie in State at the Church prior to the funeral from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Flowers are welcomed however, if preferred, donations may be made in Jeanette Smith's memory to NorthStar Family Church, 3622 Atlanta Hwy., Flowery Branch, GA 30542.

Jeanette touched many lives, but especially the lives of those lucky enough to be unconditionally loved by her. It is an understatement to say Jeanette will be missed, as to know Jeanette was to truly love her.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at www.flaniganfuneralhome.com. Arrangements By: Jimmy Brewer of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Lie In State

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

NorthStar Family Church
3622 Atlanta Hwy.
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

AS

“ Amanda and Bud, I am so sorry! My heart goes out to you and your entire family! You all are very loved!
Angie Seabolt

Angie Seabolt - February 14, 2025 at 02:01 PM

AW

“ I am thankful that I could call Jeanette my friend over the years. We had some wonderful conversations when she did my taxes about school and times past.
She was a wonderful Christian person. I will cherish her memory.
May God comfort you at this time. Love and prayers, Ann Watson

ann watson - February 14, 2025 at 12:44 PM

NC

“ Jeanette Smith was a beloved part of Pinecrest, bringing warmth. Joy and dedication to everything she did. Whether working with kids in plays, Bible school, or simply sharing her kindness, she made a lasting impact on so many lives. I recently ran into her at Best Buy, and we reminisced about the kids, grandkids, and all of her amazing trips. She was happy, full of life, and always, radiating love for her love for her family and community.
My hearts breaks for Danny and the girls- she loved them with everything she had. Jeanette will be so deeply missed, but her spirit and love she shared will live on in all of us. ❤️
Eddie and Norine Cantor

norine Cantor - February 14, 2025 at 10:22 AM

MK

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I taught with Jeanette at Lyman Hall ES and friends with her on Facebook. It was so sweet and fun to work to work with her. My heart and prayers are with you.

Mary Kiser - February 13, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ We were heartbroken at the loss of our dear friend and valued Elks Auxiliary. Our prayers are with Danny and the family. You will be missed sweet lady. Stacey and Missy Simmons

Missy Payne - February 13, 2025 at 01:20 PM

TM

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all during this time of loss! Jeanette was an amazing woman who loved many & always put god first, I always enjoyed helping her during VBS at church, she was a blessing to know & to be friends with & to love! 🙏

Teresa Moore - February 13, 2025 at 09:46 AM

RA

“ Jeanette and Danny have always been so very nice to me and my family. Saddened to hear the news of her passing. Praying over Danny and the rest of the family in the days, weeks, and months that are to come. She will be missed greatly. Much love, The Edwards Girls. (Vonda, Rashelle, and Blake)

Rashelle - February 13, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DH

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you all during this most difficult time for Comfort, Strength & Peace! May our Heavenly Father surround you with His Mighty Presence & Love!
Love Danny & Corinila Hutson 🙏❤️

Danny & Corinila Hutson - February 12, 2025 at 07:50 PM

KC

“ Jeanette was a very active member of our Toccoa Elks Auxiliary where she was our Chaplain for this year. She has always greeted me with a hug and a smile. So sad to have her leave us but God needed her more. Praying for comfort for the family.

Kathy Carpenter - February 12, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MF

“ Amanda and family,
I was shocked and saddened to hear of your sweet mom's passing. She drove my children to school many times. She also substituted for me numerous days at Mt. Vernon and Wauka Mountain. I was so proud of her when she went back to obtain two college degrees. I imagine that was very difficult for her while holding down jobs and raising a lovely family.
I know she was a very sweet and caring teacher and mom.
Marie Killian Franklin

Marie Franklin - February 12, 2025 at 03:15 PM

CC

“ To say I am heartbroken is an understatement. Jeanette and I met at North Hall High School in 1970 and became instant friends. We became a part of each others families, going to church together, vacationing together, double dating, etc. We gossiped, dreamed, planned our futures and got into mischief as all teenage girls do. Although we were not as close, we did stay in touch over the last 50 years and were planning on meeting at the beach later this year to “catch up”. I loved my sister friend and look forward to the day we’re together again in Heaven.

Connie Crane Childers - February 12, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JW

“ I can’t believe my high school friend Jeannette Cleveland Smith has passed. We had so much fun in high school at North Hall. Then we drove buses together then we both moved on, her to teach and me to be a supervisor with Hall Co Govt. Now I am a substitute teacher. Goodness, I am going to miss this precious lady. My heart is breaking for Danny and the family. I pray that God holds each of you in his loving embrace and brings you peace and comfort. Love and prayers. Joyce Boggs Westmoreland

Joyce Westmoreland - February 11, 2025 at 10:04 PM

Jl

“ Prayers, and Condolences, to the Smith Family, in the loss of Jeanette.

Joe Roshau II - February 11, 2025 at 07:53 PM

VH

“ *vhu lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Smith*



vhu - February 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

PG

“ *I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Her daughter Amanda was on one of the softball teams that I coached in the 90's. Jeanette was always supportive and a joy to be around. I will be praying for her entire family. I believe that Heaven just got a little sweeter and we have one more reason to want to go.*

Phil Gilstrap - February 11, 2025 at 05:25 PM



I was part of that team too and it was some great times!

Natalie Donatelli - February 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

AA

“ *Praying for everyone Ronnie loved her and the boys has loved seeing her when they go stay with mom and dad and vannah with everything the past three years gram getting sick moving and me sick I feel terrible I didn't make it for her too see the 2 lils more*

Ashley Adams - February 11, 2025 at 04:46 PM

JM

“ *When i first met Jeanette,.her and Danny was doing a yard sale she was the sweetest. After that everytime I saw her she would always give me a hug. She will be dearly missed.*

Jackie McEntire - February 11, 2025 at 03:32 PM