



Mildred Forrester Smith

April 30, 2026

Mildred Forrester Smith, age 91, passed away on April 29, 2026, after a brief illness. She was at home with her loving son and daughter-in-law by her side. Mildred was a native of Hall County graduating from Buford High School in 1951. Mildred was a hard worker her whole life until she retired from SouthTrust bank where she was the administrative assistant to the branch manager.

Mildred was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Buford where she was highly active in the Upper Room Sunday School Class, the Abundant life Fellowship, and the Silvertones Choir. She was always the first person to show up for her church family with her famous chocolate cake and a hot casserole. She loved to read the Bible, sing, and listen to hymns and she loved to pray. Her love for Jesus was evident in every aspect of her life.

After leaving Buford to live with her son and daughter-in-law, she attended Cornerstone Church with them as long as she was able. Both the people from First Baptist and from Cornerstone Church have been faithfully praying for her. She was always so grateful for the people who expressed their love and concern for her well-being. You can also count on the fact that if she knew that you needed prayer – you were on her “list.”

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Douglas Smith, her

parents Fred and Ella Forrester, two brothers, Delbert Forrester and Howard Forrester, four sisters, Ruby Young, Blonnie Patterson, Ruth Orr, Lillian Boring and oldest grandchild, Candy Brown.

Survivors include her Son Gregory P. Smith and daughter-in-law Linda Sullivan Smith; Grandsons Scott G. Smith (Charlotte), Philip P. Smith (Rebecca), and Granddaughter Ashley R. Watson (Steven).

Mildred was the proud great grandmother (Mama Mill) to ten great grandchildren. Lila, Layla, Luna and Logan Smith (Scott and Charlotte); Elliot, Asher, Tessa and Milly Smith (Philip and Becca); Haylee and Gannon Watson (Steven and Ashley).

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Mildred will be deeply missed but forever remembered for the love she showed, her quick sense of humor and the care she displayed to everyone around her. The Atlanta Braves just lost their "biggest" fan.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home (4400 South Lee Street, Buford, GA 30518) at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, with Rev. Danny Ashworth officiating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens located in Buford, GA. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and again on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Visitation

MAY 12. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Interment

MAY 12 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of Mildred Smith.
We are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Mildred was a dedicated Christian who shared her kindness and love to everyone that knew her. Being members at New Bethany Baptist Church we will always treasure memories of her daily service, love for music & Vacation Bible School. She also was a member of the Silver Tones where she sang with many of my friends and family. What a BLESSING it has been to have had her in our life.
May you find peace and comfort in knowing you and your family are dearly loved.
Chris & Rita Burdett*

Rita Burdett - May 14 at 08:33 AM

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“ *Greg and Linda, your mother Mildred was a treasure to you and to all who knew her. I just loved how she was always "dressed to the nines" and looking sharp and perfect every Sunday when she attended with you, and that she and my mom always enjoyed each other's company during the service. I'm so happy that Mildred has what she wants - a seat at the Father's table in paradise; but so sad for you and your family, that a seat at your table will be empty.
Thank God for His precious promises, that we will all be together soon at our "Family Reunion up in the sky".....*

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