



Virginia Smalley

May 16, 1928 - February 28, 2015

Virginia Ellen Reynolds Smalley, age 86, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side in Auburn, AL on Saturday, February 28, 2015. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 16, 1928, to the late JD Reynolds Sr and Selma Laura McElvana Reynolds. She and Rex Smalley were married on May 27, 1951 and celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last spring.

Virginia attended Arab High School before attending Auburn University where she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. She received her BS degree and later a Masters in Education and spent over thirty years as an educator in the Arab City School System. Virginia was a longtime resident of Arab, Alabama where she raised her family and enjoyed her friends. She was a lifelong member of the Arab First United Methodist Church. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, mother in-law and friend. She raised three boys and Rex single handedly, literally.

Virginia loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and family members and enjoyed a long and loving relationship with her siblings, brother in-laws, sister in-laws and all of their children. She left a lasting legacy of love and commitment to her family. She also left a lasting impression with her cooking talents and the meals she would prepare during holidays and family gatherings. Rex especially loved her red eye gravy and cathead biscuits!!! She was a loving supportive wife to Rex and forever by his side.

Virginia was preceded in death by her brother JD Reynolds JR, sister June Reynolds Pendergrast and brother in-law David Pendergrast. She is survived by her husband Rex Smalley, sons, David (Debbie), Bruce (Jackie) and Jeff (Tracy). She is also survived by 9 grandchildren, Patrick (Lauren) Smalley, Sarah Smalley (Matt Nunnelly), Leigh (Garrett) Williams, Alexis Smalley, Lydia Smalley, Blake (Megan) Smalley, Alli (Brock) Bracewell, Sam Smalley and Emily Martin; one great-grandson, Pearce Rex Smalley; brother and sister in-law Jerrell and Louise Smalley, sister in-law Martha Jean Reynolds and a host of nieces and nephews.

The visitation is from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Arab First United Methodist Church with the funeral service to begin at 2:30 PM. Brother Robert Sparkman will be officiating. The burial will be at the Brookwood Cemetery. Pallbearers are Patrick Smalley, Blake Smalley, Sam Smalley, Brock Bracewell, Garrett Williams and Matt Nunnelly.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or Arab Junior High Library 256-586-6074.

Cemetery Details

Brookwood Cemetery

Old Guntersville Rd.
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church
1058 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Service

MAR 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Smalley*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *Mrs. Smalley was my 4th grade teacher at Grassy Elementary.. She was a wonderful caring teacher..I know she is being missed by her family..Prayers for all..*

Sue Eubanks Farr - March 12, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *Dana Padgett Lands lit a candle in memory of Virginia Smalley*



Dana Padgett Lands - March 09, 2015 at 06:12 AM



“ *Aunt Virginia was always one of my favorite aunts. She and Uncle Rex helped look after our Daddy, Ray Smalley, after our Mother passed away in 1992.. Aunt Virginia always made us feel at home with open arms when we would take Daddy up for a visit. We thank God for giving us this "special angel" for our family to share. I will forever love and miss Aunt Virginia. She was a blessing to our whole family.*

Martha Smalley Page - March 06, 2015 at 11:34 PM

MP

“ *Martha Smalley Page sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia Smalley*



Martha Smalley Page - March 06, 2015 at 11:23 PM

MW

“ *Mary Ellen Whorton lit a candle in memory of Virginia Smalley*



mary ellen whorton - March 03, 2015 at 10:16 PM

MW

“ *I was deeply saddened to hear about Virginia.. I will love her as long as I live. Your mom and dad both are precious to us and my prayers are with you all.*

Family of Mary Sue Martin

mary ellen whorton - March 03, 2015 at 10:14 PM