



Mary Coleen Smith

April 30, 1936 - November 20, 2025

Mary Coleen Smith, 89, of Shelbyville, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord early Thursday morning, November 20, 2025, at Timber Creek Village Assisted Living.

She was born on April 30, 1936, in Toronto, Canada, the daughter of the late Earl Edmund and Edith May (Spencer) Magee.

Mary attended Salem Bible College in Salem, Ohio, and later People's Bible College in Colorado Springs, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. It was there she met the love of her life, Richard Edward Smith, and the two were married on May 28, 1959.

Together, Richard and Mary devoted their lives to ministry in the Emmanuel Association of Churches, serving congregations in Pennsylvania, Hunter, Kansas, Shubert, Nebraska, Watertown, South Dakota, New Philadelphia, and Xenia, Ohio, and eventually returning to Colorado Springs, where Richard served for many years as president of People's Bible College. They later completed their ministry in Vineland, New Jersey, and Logansport, Indiana.

Mary was resilient, well-organized, and a faithful helpmeet to her husband. She created a warm and welcoming home everywhere they served—always beautifully decorated, always spotless, and always filled with love. She was an

excellent cook and a gifted seamstress. Above all, Mary cherished her family and treasured every moment with her children and grandchildren.

Mary also carried a deep love for the people of Bolivia. She was instrumental in helping open a mission work there and remained a committed supporter of the Emmanuel Mission of Bolivia throughout her life. She attended the Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church.

Those left to cherish Mary's memory include her two sons, Donald Edward (Angela Ruth) Smith of Shelbyville and Mark Allen (Stephanie Ann) Smith of Colorado Springs, CO; five grandchildren, Melanie Smith, Shelley Smith, Ashley (Dustin) Snider, Christopher (Julie) Smith, and Tiffany Smith; and seven great-grandchildren, Cody, McKenzie, and Ethan Snider, Jessica, Violet, Autumn, and Christa Smith; along with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 48 years, Rev. Richard Edward Smith; two sisters, Dorothy and Betty; and three brothers, Donald, Earl, and Wesley.

Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church, 2911 E. Michigan Road, with Pastor Joe Smith officiating. Friends may call at the church from 3:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Burial will take place at Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmanuel Mission of Bolivia, PO Box 31, Salem, OH 44460. You may share a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral

Home in New Castle.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mary Coleen Smith.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shelbyville Bible Holiness Church
2911 E. Michigan Road
Shelbyville, IN 46176

Funeral

NOV **22**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I met her at the camp in Tollesboro, Ky She was a very precious lady. Prayers for the family.* ”



Connie - November 24, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 21, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Don and Sarah Christner purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Coleen Smith.* ”



Don and Sarah Christner - November 21, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mary Coleen Smith.



November 21, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ As a child in Toronto Ontario Canada, I knew Mary Magee when she came home to visit from school. A very vibrant lady who was warm towards everyone. Her Dad sat and talked with my Dad in our kitchen many times. In later years I have kept in touch with Sister Smith by emails and appreciated her sending me the Missions magazine outlining their ongoing ministry. I have come to know her family through reading and keeping in touch and am forever grateful for this thread since childhood. May the Lord comfort all of the family at this time ; Sending our love and prayers. Alice and Rev Daniel Blackwell. Toronto Ont Canada.

Alice Blackwell - November 21, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ Richard Smith was the pastor of the small church in Kansas when I was a very small child. I can still remember the excitement that my family had with any interaction with the Smiths. Especially the excitement about him bringing his new bride to Kansas. My family adored her.

Randy Saine - November 21, 2025 at 12:44 PM