



## Virginia Evelyn Smith

September 23, 1921 - August 3, 2018

Virginia Evelyn Amonett Smith

“Her children rise up and call her blessed.” ~ Proverbs 31:28

Virginia Evelyn Smith, 96, of New Castle, passed away on Friday, August 3, 2018 following a brief illness. The 10th child of 13 children, she was born to H.E. and Catherine (Kate) Amonett in Byrdstown, Tennessee on September 23, 1921.

She married O.B. Smith on Feb. 26, 1938 and they lived in Pickett County Tennessee at Lilly Dale, a property owned by her father before it became part of the Dale Hollow Lake and Dam project, completed in 1943 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to generate hydroelectric power for the rural area. As their family grew, they lived in Eutaw, Alabama; Akron, Ohio, and settled in New Castle to raise their family when O.B. secured a job with Chrysler Corporation.

While growing up on the family farm during the depression, Virginia learned hard work at an early age but she and her 12 siblings and their families were never without, nor hungry and shared with others. As part of a big family, Virginia loved playing card games and visiting the Tennessee State Fair to ride the roller coaster. Athletic, she played basketball for the Pickett County Lady

Bobcats in the 1930s and continued to practice those athletic drills and exercises her entire life. An avid sports fan, she loved watching the New Castle Trojans and Indiana Hoosiers and attended many games. She loved going to church and spending time with her family, where she hosted holiday dinners up into her 90s. She also enjoyed traveling, taking trips with her children and grandchildren throughout the country for vacations and visits with family and enjoyed dancing.

She and O.B. were charter members of the New Castle Church of Christ, where her membership was sustained for 55 years. Virginia's strong faith in the Lord was modeled for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, showing how to deal with life's struggles and blessings – relying on God's promises.

Retiring from Dana Corporation after 30 years of service on Dec. 31, 1985, Virginia loved getting together with the "Dana Girls" for lunch reunions following retirement. She also volunteered at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. A lifelong Democrat, that began with her first presidential Vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, she frequently worked the election polls in Henry County considering it her civic duty to help everyone get to Vote.

Survivors are her children, Don (Suzy) Smith of Wilkinson, Beverly (Duane) Matthews of New Castle and her daughter-in-law, Cathy Smith of Byrdstown, Tennessee; grandchildren, Jeff (Kathy) Smith of Port Orange, Florida; Pamela (Duane) Ford of Thompsons Station, Tennessee; Greg (Lori) Smith of Byrdstown, Tennessee; Scott Pfenninger of New Castle; David (Suzanne) Pfenninger of Carmel; Christa Isaacs of Noblesville; Brian Pfenninger of Livingston, Tennessee; Andrew (Melanie) Smith of Monticello, Kentucky; Caroline (Tim) Neal of Johnson City, Tennessee; Ashley (Aaron) Huffman, Shannon (Nathan) Wright, Lee (Amber) Marcum, Brian (Lori) Matthews and Dustin (Courtney) Matthews all of New Castle and Eric England of

Indianapolis. Two sisters, Nova Uldean Hollingshead of Eugene, Oregon and Virgie Kate Holt of Byrdstown, Tennessee also survive. Virginia leaves to cherish her memory, 33 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren and many loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, O.B, two children, Billy R. Smith and Brenda Pfenninger, and her parents, H.E. and Catherine (Kate) Amonett, and her great-grandchildren, Olivia and Elijah Wright. Also preceding in death were her siblings, Esther Copeland, Newton Amonett, Andrew Amonett, Lucille Pyles, Levi Amonett, Melva Neal, Audra Jolly, Tom Amonett, Benton Amonett and Woodrow Amonett.

Visitation will be held in New Castle on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Sproles Family Funeral Home from 4-8 pm and on Thursday, August 9, from 4-8 pm (CST) at the Bloomington Christian Church in Byrdstown, Tennessee. Funeral services and a "Celebration of Life" will be conducted at the Bloomington Christian Church on Friday, August 10 at 11 AM (CST). Marc Champion will officiate the funeral and burial will follow in the Amonett Family Cemetery. You may leave a condolence or share a memory of Virginia at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com)

Donations in her memory may be offered to the Henry County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 6006, New Castle, IN 47362, [www.henrycountycf.org](http://www.henrycountycf.org), for the O.B. Smith and Bill Smith Memorial American Music Award or to the preservation of Roughshod Hollow, 115 Sewell Creek Road, Byrdstown, TN 38549.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Virginia Evelyn Amonett Smith.

# Cemetery Details

## Amonett Family Cemetery

1842 Cordell Hull Memorial Dr.  
Byrdstown, TN 38549

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Visitation

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Christian Church  
1500 Cordell Hull Memorial Dr,  
Byrdstown, TN 38549

## Service

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AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Christian Church  
1500 Cordell Hull Memorial Dr,  
Byrdstown, TN 38549

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Evelyn Smith.* ”



August 08, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ *203 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



*"Many people do noble things, but you cannot thank all!"*

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Died: [illegible]

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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - August 07, 2018 at 08:03 AM

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“ Beverly and Don, We was saddened to hear of the passing of your sweet mother. She was a precious lady, always having a smile on her face. We would pass her house as she would be out on her porch and would wave at her, even though she didn't know who we were, she would throw her hand up and wave. After reading her obituary I can tell she had a lot of wonderful years and that is a blessing for sure. Cherish your sweet memories. She is you guardian angel now. Our sympathy to you and your entire family. Prayers that God will give each of you the grace to endure this sad day and the days ahead.



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**Ron and Donna Ragan** - August 06, 2018 at 05:38 PM

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“ Rick and Cathy Doolittle purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Virginia Evelyn Smith.



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**Rick and Cathy Doolittle** - August 06, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ Don, Beverly and families,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your precious mother. She was a very special lady who touched many with her strength and love for the Lord. She always had a smile and kind word. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Steve and Susanne Chriswell

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**Susanne Chriswell** - August 05, 2018 at 09:14 PM

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*Don , so sorry to hear about your mother. I have never met your mom but I can see her legacy in you and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers .God bless and keep the Smiths in his righteousness. Kent & Cindy Underwood*

**Kent Underwood** - August 07, 2018 at 06:22 AM

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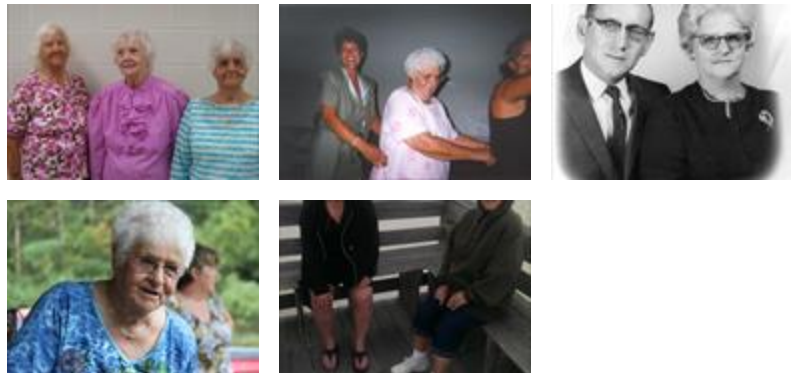
“ *Bill & Susanne Huffman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Virginia Evelyn Smith.*



**Bill & Susanne Huffman** - August 05, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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**Beverly Matthews** - August 04, 2018 at 09:09 PM

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*Beverly, so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She sounded like an amazing woman and raised a loving family. Please accept my sympathy.*

**Carol Couch** - August 06, 2018 at 06:10 PM