



Beula "Bea" Smith

December 14, 1944 - May 11, 2026

Beula "Bea" Smith, 81, of Wildwood, passed away peacefully at her residence on Monday, May 11, 2026.

Ms. Smith was a beloved educator who retired from the Walker County School System following more than twenty-five years of dedicated service as a teacher at Chattanooga Valley Middle School. She was a woman of deep faith, a devoted member of Hope Church, and someone who brought kindness and creativity into the lives of all who knew her.

Bea loved traveling, especially trips to Florida and Cape Cod, and found great joy in the beauty of the outdoors. She had a special love for gardening and flowers and was happiest surrounded by nature and family. Known for her warm spirit and loving heart, she cherished every moment spent with those she loved most.

She was preceded in death by her son, Brian Smith; brother, George "Buddy" Lawson, Jr.; and parents, George Lawson, Sr. and Beula Porter Lawson.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Kevin (Stephanie) Smith of Wildwood, Georgia; daughter-in-law, Angie Smith of Trenton; grandchildren, Brittany Smith, Breanna (Andrea) Smith, Braxton Smith, Andrew (Samantha) Bartlett, Sahara Ballew, Colten Gass, Calum Smith, Zac Smith, and Kayla Worley; many great-grandchildren; sister, Zada (George) Ganaway of Jasper, GA; along with several extended family members and dear friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Chaplain Sam Reese officiating. She will be laid to rest at

Sarah's Chapel Cemetery with Colten Gass, Calum Smith, Andrew Bartlett, Rick Betz, Dennis Kelley, and Thomas Kelley serving as pallbearers. Online condolences may be shared at ryanfuneralhome.net.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 14th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour at Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory, Trenton, GA.

Cemetery Details

Sarah Chapel Cemetery

35 Sarah Chapel Road
Wildwood, GA 30757

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory
11415 S Main St
PO Box 506
Trenton, GA 30752
(706) 657-7525
steven.ryan@ryanfuneralhome.net
<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.net/>

Receive Friends

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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11415 US Hwy 11 S
Trenton, GA 30752
<http://ryanfuneralhome.net>

Funeral Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 62 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ryan Funeral Home - May 14 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Brenda Masters lit a candle in memory of Beula Smith*



Brenda Masters - May 12 at 06:56 PM

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“ To know her is to love her! Grambea was one of the most precious, special souls that has ever walked this planet! Since 2017 she has been a constant light in my life & she loved every single person in her life fiercely. She showed the love of Jesus everywhere she went & no matter who you were, she never met a stranger. She loved to travel, loved music, bee’s, birds, lighthouses, the beach, nature, sunrises & sunsets! She helped me get closer to God again & put the fire back in my prayer life & I am so grateful to her for that! I have so many memories of her; going to church, dancing & singing & just being silly, shelling at the beach, our trip to Navarre Beach, cooking & eating with her(she would always ask us if we had eaten), praying, “God’s got this!,” singing her version of Happy Birthday, lol! Spending time in nature & on walks! She loved our dog, Simon & he loved his Grambea(I believe they bonded over food) & he loved to lay on her feet while she was at the dinner table, she even cleared a spot for him to come in her room in & look out her window or when she would take a nap in her bed he would lay beside her bed sometimes on the floor, it was the cutest thing ever! I’m so very thankful that we got to spend as much time as we could with her, I know she loved us hard & we loved her back just as hard! I will miss her prayers, her spunkiness & hearing her say, “Night night, sleep tight, sweet dreams, I love you!” But I know she is now with her Savior & resting in His arms & that is enough for me because I know I will see her again some day!! One of mine & her favorite bible verse that we shared was Isaiah 43:2, “When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you!” *She taught us how to love like Jesus, live fiercely but she never taught us how to live without her!* See ya later, Grambea...❤️🕊️



Andrea Smith - May 12 at 01:50 PM

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So very sorry to hear about Bea She was a very special person. Love you Bea

Carolyn Richie - May 12 at 04:45 PM

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Precious testimony!! She would love your words, and likely she knew all that before she slipped into Eternity!! I worked Bea at CVMS. We talked daily. We both had grands the same age with Down Syndrome. And talked a lot about these loves! She helped make beauty happen for my daughter's wedding. She was a beautiful soul and will be missed by so many!!

Sharon - May 12 at 04:56 PM