



Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith

September 11, 1937 - February 1, 2026

Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith, aged 88, of Athens, passed away peacefully at her residence on Sunday, February 1st, 2026. Born on September 11th, 1937, in Athens, she was the daughter of Joe and Josie Gravier Pressnell.

Mrs. Smith leaves behind a loving family, including her daughter, Janet Cross (Larry) of Ardmore, and her son, Gerald Smith (Jennie) of Ardmore. She is also survived by her brother, Glenn Pressnell, of Athens. Her cherished grandchildren, Seth Quinn, Rebecca Smith, Matthew Smith, and Michael Smith (Anna), and her dear great-grandchildren, Leyton Zirbel, Addie Mae Smith, Cason Davis, and Reece Davis, will hold her memory close.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Oliver Smith, as well as her parents, Joe and Josie Pressnell. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Odie Lee Pressnell, Ernest Pressnell, Paul Pressnell, James Pressnell, and Charles Pressnell, and her sisters, Mary Fitch, Lucille Yarbrough, Dot Roberts, and Pauline Pressnell.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects during the visitation at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 5th, at 2:00 pm at Sardis Springs Baptist Church, with Bro. Tim Keenum officiating. Mrs. Smith will be laid to rest at Sardis Springs Cemetery. Honoring Mrs.

Smith as pallbearers will be Seth Quinn, Matthew Smith, Michael Smith, Leyton Zirbel, Steve Pressnell, and Jeff Mooneyham.

Mrs. Smith was a dedicated member of Sardis Springs Baptist Church. Her greatest joy was her family, and she loved deeply as a mother and grandmother. Guided by her strong Christian faith, she lived a life of compassion, grace, and service to others, leaving a lasting imprint on every heart she touched. The family extends their gratitude to all who have shown support and love during this time.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Springs Baptist Church Cemetery

Athens, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home
322 Hwy. 31 N.
Athens, AL 35611
(256) 232-1051
info@limestonechapel.com
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

Lie in State

FEB 5. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Sardis Springs Baptist Church
18310 AL-251
Athens, AL 35613-4626
(256) 232-2056

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mandy, Logan, and Kevin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.

Mandy, Logan, and Kevin - February 05 at 06:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.



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“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.



February 03 at 07:02 PM



“ *Information Systems Department* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.



Information Systems Department - February 03 at 10:48 AM

HG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for family and friends at this time.

Harriette Glover - February 03 at 10:05 AM

JM

“ Joe M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.

Joe M. - February 03 at 09:51 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.



February 03 at 09:51 AM

BP

“ My sympathy to all of the family of Jessie Mae! I went to school with her at East Limestone. We graduated in 1955 after being together since seventh grade. Always thought a lot of Jessie Mae. She was such a nice person. Wish I was able to attend her service!

Barbara Peek - February 03 at 01:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.*



February 02 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jessie Mae "Pressnell" Smith.*



February 02 at 03:51 PM