



Edna Mae Smith

April 18, 1931 - May 25, 2026

Edna Mae Smith, age 95, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia, passed away Monday, May 25, 2026, at her home.

Edna was born on April 18, 1931, in Cumberland, Kentucky, and was the daughter of the late Joshua Gilliam and Gladys Kitts Gilliam. She was a lifelong resident of the area and was the owner and operator of Edna's Beauty Shop. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dempsey Smith, her daughters, Brenda Killen and Sherree Davis; her first husband, Walter Maze Short; and her sister, Billie Jo Gilliam.

Sister Edna was a woman who spent her life devoted to two things: She always put God first and her family was her life. The walls of her home often echoed with the voices of four generations of her children; there never needed to be an occasion for Edna to accept company over to dine, tell stories, and speak of the works of the Lord. As a member of New Hope Assembly in Cedar Bluff, she spent years in service to the ministry, providing for members of the church and of the community. Her unwavering devotion to her friends, family and God was the foundation of an anointed life beloved by many. Edna was the cornerstone of her family and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by:

Her Daughter:

Tina Robinson and her husband, Jeff of North Tazewell, Virginia

Sons:

Tom Short and his wife, Carolyn of Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Rick Short and his wife, Michelle of Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Son-in-Law:

Frank Killen of Richlands, Virginia

Sisters:

Ruby Jean Smith of Doran, Virginia

Sue Smith and her husband, Bill of Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Brother:

Skip Gilliam (Margaret) of Hillard, FL

Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of family and friends.

Funeral services for Edna Mae Smith will be conducted at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at New Hope Assembly; 137 Gospel St; Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 with Rev. David Lee Horton, Rev. Bill Smith, and Sister Helen Throgmartin officiating. Interment will be on Friday at 11:00 am at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Those attending the committal service are asked to line up at New Hope Assembly at 10:30 am to go to the cemetery. Pallbearers will be Nick Killen, Thomas Short, T.J. Short, Corey Tuggle, Colten Hess, Lucas Sayers, Brandon Robinson, and Jordan Robinson. The Smith family will receive friends from 5-7 pm at the church. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Assembly
137 Gospel Street
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Funeral Service

MAY 28. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Committal Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Lee & Freda Allen lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith



Lee & Freda Allen - May 29 at 11:28 AM

SM

“ Some of my best memories from my childhood are at Edna's house. Not only did she do my Mommy's and my Grandma's hair but she also cut mine and my sister Shelias a lot. I can remember walking to her house and walking down the steps outside to her shop in the basement. I also remember the days that me and Shelia spent there with Tina. Tina had the best playhouse there, well her and Lynn Harmon and Cindy, I can't remember her last name but we all played together. Those were best times. I absolutely loved Sherry. I probably got the spelling wrong but she was mine and Shelias best friend on the mountain. We had the best times. Edna you were always so good to us. RIP sweet lady. Mommy loved you. 🙏🙏🙏

Sharon Mcglothlin - May 29 at 03:02 AM

AM

“ Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - May 28 at 05:29 PM

WL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Edna Mae was such a kind, sweet lady. My Mom, Linda Byrd lived up the road from her for many years. I pray for God’s comfort and peace during this difficult time for your family.

Wanda Byrd Lawson - May 28 at 09:21 AM

DB

“ Dwight & Maggie Buskill sent a virtual gift in memory of Edna Smith



Dwight & Maggie Buskill - May 28 at 08:32 AM

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Dwight & Maggie Buskill - May 28 at 08:25 AM

LN

“ May God wrap each of you in His Peace and Comfort. Sending love and prayers.



Leroy & Angie Nelson - May 27 at 10:30 PM

GA

“ *GlendaRB Altizer lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith*



GlendaRB Altizer - May 27 at 09:50 PM

BN

“ *Bill & Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith*



Bill & Vicki Nuckels - May 27 at 09:37 PM

PW

“ *Steph Hess, so very sorry to learn of your Grandmother's passing. To Tom, Carolyn, Tina and Jeff, sending all your family love and prayers. May God give you strength and peace and blessings to help get you through this difficult time. Much love to your family.*



Pat Warner - May 27 at 08:55 PM

KL

“ *So sorry for your loss*



Karen and Ed Lester - May 27 at 07:33 PM

LF

“ *Leslee Jolly and family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Edna Mae Smith.*



Leslee Jolly and family - May 27 at 06:32 PM

SR

“ *Sheri Rasnake lit a candle in memory of Edna Smith*



Sheri Rasnake - May 27 at 04:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edna Mae Smith.*



May 27 at 03:49 PM