



Gloria Jean Smith

April 5, 1942 - February 5, 2026

Gloria Jean Smith, age 83, of Belfast, Virginia, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

She was the daughter of the late Bud Fink and Hazel Wright. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Howard Smith, and her six siblings. Left to cherish her memory are her son Rocky, her daughter, Kelly, and numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Jean was a beautiful person who always put others first. Hers was a life of service. She was a loving mother and adoring wife while also working full time as an educator. She taught generations of local children and served as a guidance counselor. She was active in her church and was known for her generosity and quick wit.

Our time on this earth is short, and Jean's life reminds us of the importance of serving our community and fellow man. May your life be based on a foundation of Christian faith. We, the survivors, will remember Jean with gratitude and love for each other that will be her enduring legacy.

Special thanks to the nurses and staff of Legacy Hospice and Commonwealth Senior Living for their compassionate care and service.

Memorial contributions may be made to a local Food Pantry or Animal Shelter of choice.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lauren Faller lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith*



Lauren Faller - March 07 at 06:47 PM

LB

“ *Jean was a great role model for me. I so enjoyed our talks. She was a classy lady. God's blessings on you both .*



Lana Ball - February 15 at 02:30 PM

AH

“ *Rocky I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a kind and always sweet person. Prayers for you and Kelly*



Angie Slone Horton - February 12 at 06:32 AM

PH

“ *Jean was a special person. She was a great help to me when I began working as a career coach at SWCC. Will always remember her smile and kind heart.*

Patty Hunter - February 11 at 09:57 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - February 10 at 05:32 PM

LM

“ *I absolutely loved her in school she was the sweetest person ever!*

Louise (Sissy) Miller - February 09 at 09:45 PM

CR

“ *Chris R lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



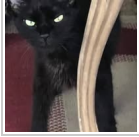
Chris R - February 09 at 09:01 PM

MR

“ *Monica Richardson lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



Monica Richardson - February 09 at 07:10 PM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



Davie Horton - February 09 at 05:26 PM

BW

“ *Brian Wright lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



Brian Wright - February 09 at 03:43 PM

HM

“ *I'm sorry for the loss of Jean. She was my guidance counselor in Middle school. I visited her at Commonwealth Senior Living and we prayed with one another each time I visited. I cherished our visits with one another. May you know Jean that I hope to see you in Heaven one day sweet friend....Peace Be Still...I love you sweetie!*



Heather McGlothlin - February 09 at 03:41 PM

RM

“ *Rocky and Kelly,
I am sorry for your loss.
Jean was a wonderful person and great educated. She added so much to our community.*

Rod Moore - February 09 at 11:54 AM

DM

“ Oh how I loved Jean. I met her when I had her as an instructor at SVCC and loved her and Don ever since. I talked with her not long ago at Commonwealth. She was a beautiful person inside and outside. Rest in peace sweet friend. You will be missed by many,

Dana Altizer Moats - February 09 at 11:46 AM

ES

“ Rocky and Kelly,

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

With deepest sympathy,

Ed and Jackie Smith



Ed and Jackie Smith - February 09 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ Judy West lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith



Judy West - February 09 at 07:39 AM

TJ

“ Rocky, very sorry to hear about your Mom, what a wonderful lady. God Bless

Tom Jessee - February 08 at 08:06 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cassity lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



Mary Cassity - February 08 at 05:50 PM

CH

“ *Kelly and Rocky, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a gift from God to the Earth. To say that Jean was special to me, feels completely understated. Jean played a detrimental role in every success of my life. Although I hadn't seen or spoken to her in years, she was in my thoughts quite frequently. I even tried to search for her a couple of years ago, just wanting to reach out and say hello. Her love and kindness educated me and guided me through very difficult times. And I truly can say I do not know where my life would have gone without her in it. Life certainly would have not been as successful and kind to me had I not been gifted your mother. I have such wonderful memories of her that have endured in my mind for well over 30 years. I'd love to speak to you and share those memories with you sometime. Until then, you are in my thoughts and prayers with much love.*

Clarissa Dawn Hess - February 08 at 04:05 PM

CR

“ *Charlotte Robinett lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jean Smith*



Charlotte Robinett - February 08 at 03:04 PM

AG

“ Rocky I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a wonderful person. I had her for sociology in college she was a excellent teacher . sending you tons of hugs love and Prayers Carl also sends his condolences

Audrey bandy Godbey - February 08 at 02:01 PM

KS

“ Kaye Seay lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Kaye Seay - February 08 at 12:54 PM

KS

“ Jean was lovely inside and out. She was loving and kind beyond measure.

Kaye Seay - February 08 at 12:53 PM

CK

“ Christine Kinser lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Christine Kinser - February 08 at 12:16 PM

CK

“ *What a loss for this world, but what a gain for heaven when this sweet lady went to her heavenly home. She was truly the kindest person I have ever met. She always had a smile and word of encouragement everyday. My love and prayers to Rocky and Kelly.*

Christine Kinser - February 08 at 12:16 PM

 Sandra Culler

“ *Sandra Culler lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith*



Sandra Culler - February 08 at 08:18 AM

KS

“ *Beautiful, classy, kind and sweet are just few of the many words to describe this lovely lady. She will be missed and remembered fondly. My deepest condolences to her dear family*



Kathy Sneed - February 08 at 06:57 AM

JL

“ *Joyce Church Leach lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith*



Joyce Church Leach - February 08 at 12:08 AM

CI

“ Ms. Jean was very special and made my high school time memorable. She was always a bright light in the school. Before Rocky became a teacher I would always ask her how he was doing. She was always proud to talk about him. I called her Ms. Jean and she loved it. I told her it was because there were to many Ms. Smith's teaching and she deserved to stand out. She was a great person and I know I shall never forget her.



Clayton Wyatt II - February 08 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Katrina Saxton - February 07 at 11:33 PM

BR

“ Mrs Smith was one of the kindest people I've had the privilege of knowing. Her smile and soft demeanor was very much appreciated during my school years at RHS.



Bobbie Davis Ray - February 07 at 10:24 PM

SR

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



Sheri Rasnake - February 07 at 08:26 PM

JR

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Jean's passing. She was a wonderful & kind lady. Remembering you all in our thoughts and prayers.*



John and Wendy Reedy - February 07 at 07:45 PM

AD

“ *This may seem a strange memory, but as we worked together at RMS, we became dear friends. She knew that I collected ribbon so every Christmas a spool of ribbon would appear in my school mailbox. The giver was never identified but I went straight to her to express my appreciation for her gift. Now I will never look at a spool of ribbon without remembering her generosity and thoughtfulness. My prayers are with her family because they have a great loss as do all those who knew her.*



Anna Y. Damron - February 07 at 07:35 PM

BS

“ She was a wonderful lady that will be missed by all whose life she touched...prayers for her family ❤️🙏



Bill and Kelly Stanley - February 07 at 07:25 PM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Charlotte Vencille - February 07 at 07:15 PM

JE

“ I worked with her at Richlands High School. She was a beautiful, pleasant loving educator and friend. Her calm easy attitude helped alleve the stress of the job. My thoughts and prayers are with Rocky and the family.

Judith Edgell - February 07 at 06:59 PM

KR

“ Karen Jackson & Raymond lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Karen Jackson & Raymond - February 07 at 06:33 PM

WB

“ Mrs Smith took me under her wing when I moved to Richlands in 7th grade. She always spoke so softly and was so kind. My whole life she held a special place in my heart. Prayers for the family. She was loved by so many!

Wendy Barringer - February 07 at 06:26 PM

TS

“ Tammy Street lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Tammy Street - February 07 at 05:49 PM

HG

“ My mom Sandy Stacy used to be friends with Mrs smith when she was the nanny for the Mitchell kids. She was so fond of her. We are so sorry about your loss!

Heather Green - February 07 at 04:58 PM

CC

“ Cathy Cordle lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



Cathy Cordle - February 07 at 04:56 PM

TL

“ Jean was the kindest lady. She always had time for a smile, a chat, or to offer words of encouragement. She was always kind, strong, and selfless. I am sad to hear of her passing. 💕💕

Toni Lawson - February 07 at 04:54 PM

PC

“ polly A cox lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



polly A cox - February 07 at 04:47 PM

PA

“ She was so kind to everyone A wonderful counselor for children
Rest in peace You will be missed

Phyllis Altizer - February 07 at 04:46 PM

MH

“ I have never met a more humble person...Will miss this sweet lady I only knew for a season..

Mitch Horton - February 07 at 04:36 PM

JS

“ *The words in this tribute announcing the passing of Jean are a perfect description of her - a beautiful lady with such grace and love for everyone. I am so thankful that I had the pleasure of knowing Jean and getting to work with her at Richlands Middle School. She loved the students and was such an asset to them, as well as to all of us.*

I have many wonderful memories we shared over the years - some as we shared concern for the children, but countless others that involved joy, laughter, and fun.

My most sincere condolences to Rocky and Kelly. My thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort.

I loved Jean and cherish all the wonderful experiences I shared with her and the memories I carry.

Judy Stamper - February 07 at 04:19 PM

AL

I went to church at Belfast with Jean. She was a wonderful, compassionate, loving, beautiful lady. I am so blessed to call her my friend. She was a very private person, but was always there if you needed her. God gained him an angel. Peace and Blessings!

Ann Lester - February 08 at 12:59 PM

SA

“ *Susie Addison lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith*



Susie Addison - February 07 at 03:57 PM

AB

“ Mrs. Smith was my 5th and 6th grade teacher at Raven Elementary School. I cried because I didn't think I would get to see her again. Then when I went to Middle school she went there to be a guidance counselor. I was so happy. She was my favorite teacher. She was still a guidance counselor when my son went to Middle school. I thought of her often throughout the years.

Anna Lowe Broyles - February 07 at 03:38 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Smith



TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 07 at 03:17 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Gloria Smith



TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 07 at 03:16 PM