



Ms. Bessie L. Smith

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Bessie Lee Smith, age 85 of Nashville, passed away on February 28, 2015. Bessie was born in Williamson County, Tennessee on March 4, 1929. Bessie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

As a young woman, Bessie attended East High School and earned a Business degree from Watkins College. For a time, she worked at National Life and Accidental Insurance Company. Later on, she worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Davidson County Tax Assessor's Office, a job she held until her retirement.

Bessie was a lifetime member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was President of the Nashville Chapter of the Jaycettes. She was a member of the Ladies Bible Society. She also loved to play cards, and was a member of several card groups.

Bessie was married to the love of her life, Thomas Smith, for 62 years. The couple were worldwide travelers, visiting Europe, Russia, Asia, the Caribbean Islands, South America, and all over North America as well. Art and the preservation thereof were very important to Bessie, and she was a charter member of the Frist Center of the Arts, as well as a member of the Cheekwood Garden Club.

Bessie is survived by her loving husband, Thomas L. Smith, Jr.; daughter, Cathy Lamai McCormick; grand-daughter, Sylvia Lamai Nikoata McCormick; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

The family will receive friends and visitors on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, from 1:00pm until 2:00pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Pastor Don Tabor will lead a Celebration of Life Service to honor Bessie immediately following visitation, at 2:00pm from the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Historic Spring Hill Cemetery, with family and friends serving as active pallbearers. Bessie's card group and lifelong friends will serve as honorary pallbearers.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Safe Haven, 1234 3rd Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee 37210 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital www.stjude.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216. (615) 865-1101 www.springhillfh.com



Events


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Visitation


 **Wednesday**, March 4, 2015

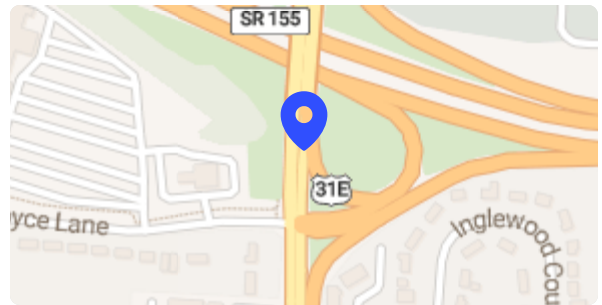
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



Cemetery Details

 **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





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NS

Nancy And Jim Settles posted:

For over 50 years Bessie and Thomas have been the best and most endearing friends one could have. We were blessed with a friendship like ours that is rare, rare indeed. Nancy and I have little family and we were treated by them as part of theirs. We were in each others homes often, played cards and traveled with them many times. Bessie will always be remembered as one of the most loving and caring persons. They both wanted to give more than receive. It is hard to imagine life without Bessie but we know that we see her again in HEAVEN. With all our love and devotion to Thomas in our remaining years. We love you both beyond measure.

March 6 at 6:18 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Smith family.



March 3 at 7:45 AM

DT

Don And Cheryl Tabor posted:

Thomas, you and Bessie have meant a lot to Cheryl and me. The smiles, the love and the care that you two have shown have been very special. We are praying for you and the family. Blessings.

March 2 at 11:54 AM

DP

Daniel Percoco posted:

Hello Tom: It has been years since I met you and Bessie through Jim Settles when I was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky way back in 1966. I was talking to Jim this morning and he told me of Bessie's passing. I want to express my condolences to you and your family on your recent loss. May the memories held deep within your hearts help soothe each of you through this very difficult time. Daniel Percoco Cambridge, Massachusetts

March 2 at 5:29 AM

KW

Kathy Wheale posted:

Thomas, Kathy, and Sylvia, you have my deepest sympathy for the loss of one so dear. Bess was such a wonderful lady and we will all miss her. Sending you all big hugs. Love, Kathy Wheale Fairfield Glade.

March 1 at 11:58 AM



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Judy Sharp posted:

Bess and Thomas Smith took me to the beach the first time I ever saw the Ocean !I was 17! Bess had a white swim suit that she looked fabulous in !We always laughed that it was a bikini !Love you so much!Judy Hunter Sharp

March 1 at 11:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bessie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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