



Grace Marie Smith

February 28, 2015

Grace Marie Smith, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was born July 25, 1927 in Marquand, MO to Leonard and Zettie Starkey Edwards. Grace and Rev. Robert D. Smith were married December 07, 1947 at Glen Allen, Missouri. He preceded her in death in 1973. She was an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau. She was one of the founding members of JOY (Just Older Youth) at Bethany Baptist Church. Grace had been a teacher over 35 years starting in a one-room school house in Greasy Creek, MO. where she taught all eight grades. Later she moved to Buckhorn, MO where she taught four grades. She retired after teaching several years in 2nd grade at High Mount School in Swansea, IL She and her husband also owned and operated a grocery store for several years on S. Pacific in Cape, G&R Market. She was an accomplished pianist and played with various gospel groups, most recently with the Melody Master's Quartet. Survivors include her daughter, Elaine Smith of Cape Girardeau, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Ralph W. and Paul L. Edwards, and sisters Pearl Yount and Ruth B. Underwood. Friends may call 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the funeral home with the Pastor Frank Burgess officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau. Memorial contributions may be given to Fellowship Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry I can't make it to the funeral. I let Carla Latham Niswonger know about your Mom - she lives in Texas. Jeannette*

Jeannette Stone - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Elaine and family - so sorry for your loss; but I know Mom was tired. The last time I saw her at the beauty shop she was barely able to get around. She was a lovely lady and she still knew me after all the years we had not seen each other. She and your Dad were great influences in our early life together at Foursquare. Pray God gives comfort to you. Jeannette*

Jeannette and Jim Stone - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Grace was one of God's special ladies. She was an example for all women to follow. Prayers for you, Elaine, especially on Wed. God's love be with you. Phyllis*

Phyllis Racer - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM