



Ruby Claudine Smith

December 12, 1945 - May 17, 2025

Ruby Claudine Smith, 79, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri went to her heavenly father on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Mercy Hospital Southeast with her family by her side.

She was born December 12, 1945 in Cape Girardeau to Ralph Claude and Ruby Bowman Goforth.

She and Jerry Lee Smith were married April 16, 1964 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She loved being in the country, which is where she lived most of her life. She and her husband of 61 years owned and operated a porta potty business for 30 years. Owning and running a business was one of the great joys of her life, and she worked well into her seventies. She loved supporting the community, working for herself, and her customers loved her. She also enjoyed her flowers, cooking (her chicken and dumplings were definitely amazing), garage sales, going to the casino on occasion, and especially spending time with her family.

Ruby will be remembered by those who knew her as caring, hard working, energetic, and so loving. She would do anything & everything for her friends and family.

Survivors include her husband Jerry Smith of Cape Girardeau, two daughters, Kimberly Keser (Richard) of Creal Springs, Illinois and Shelley Mathes of Cape Girardeau, a son Michael Smith (Linda) of Cape Girardeau, and two grandchildren, Gage Smith of Cape Girardeau and Nicholas Keser (Molli) of Mooresville, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Willie.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 24 2025 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral Service will follow at 12:00 pm Saturday, May 24, 2025 at the funeral home with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Burial will be at Hobbs Chapel Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Cemetery Details

Hobbs Chapel Cemetery

3024 State Highway 177
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Funeral Service

MAY **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mary L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Claudine Smith.

Mary L. - May 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM

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“ Linda Sanders lit a candle in memory of Ruby Claudine Smith



Linda Sanders - May 20, 2025 at 09:42 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruby Claudine Smith.



May 20, 2025 at 09:11 PM

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“ To my Smith cousins I was sorry to hear that your mom passed away. I know all of you are going to miss her very much. I don't ever think I saw her in a bad mood. Although I didn't see her very often every time I did she always wanted to hear about my kids what I was doing at work. Love to all of you. I know this will be a hard week for all of you.

Karla Mize - May 20, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ruby Claudine Smith.*



May 20, 2025 at 07:58 PM



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