



Mrs Virginia Moorefield Smith Willoughby

September 30, 1919 - December 23, 2018

Mrs. Virginia Moorefield Smith Willoughby, 99, a most beloved lady, passed away December 23, 2018, with her son and daughter-in-law by her side. Funeral Services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Belvedere First Baptist Church with Rev. John Meyer and Dr. Roy Head officiating. Interment in Pineview Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service. Pallbearers will be Bill Scott, Bob Lamm, Gerald McNeal, James Key, Chick Williamson, Harold Corbin and Scottie Hooker.

Virginia was born to the late Effie & Jippy Moorefield on Sept 30, 1919 in Gretna, VA. She was married to the late Rev. Joseph Walker Smith [J.W.] 49 years, and served her communities with grace and dignity as the wife of a Baptist minister.

They settled in North Augusta in 1961 where J.W. served as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church for 20 years. Four years after his death in 1986 she married the late Edd Willoughby of North Augusta, SC. The two continued ministering through their church and by visiting the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. After Mr. Willoughby's death in 2002, Virginia continued with her gifts of love to her community as a volunteer to the Reach to Recovery for Cancer Society and at the National Health Center until she became disabled in January 2013. However, her ministry continued after she moved into an

assisted living apartment and to the day of her death. She was preceded in death by her daughter Rosemary Smith Widener in 2006.

Virginia was a member of First Baptist Church Belvedere, SC, the Golden Age Club, Lucy Pearson Sunday School Class and served as Chairwoman of Church Ministries. She was also a member of the Sheffield Club at First Baptist Church, North Augusta.

Virginia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family and many friends loved her humor and vigor. She was a wonderful friend to many who shared great times and fond memories of her long life in North Augusta, and was so proud of the numerous birthday and greeting cards she would receive as a testament to her many friends.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Bob and Pennie Smith of Bermuda Run, NC; four grandchildren, Donna Smith-Beck, Bryan Smith and wife Cheryl, Gary Widener and Joey Widener; 8 great-grandchildren, Lyndsey and Taylor Beck, Gage and Emily Widener, Bryce, Emma and Abigail Widener and Peyton Smith. Her extended family are Drs. Michael and Martha Willoughby of North Augusta, Patrick Willoughby and wife Joanne of Boston, MA, John Willoughby of North Augusta and their children.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.PoseyCares.com

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Belvedere First Baptist Church
421 Edgefield Road
North Augusta, SC

Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs Virginia Moorefield Smith Willoughby*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *Mrs Virginia Moorefield Smith Willoughby*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Mrs. Smith was such a gem. Our family has such fond memories of she and Preacher Joe. Margie Bowers Atkinson, Clearwater, FL*

Margie Bowers Atkinson - December 30, 2018 at 08:00 PM



“ *She was a lovely lady and a good friend. We had some good times together..loved her*

Johnnie Hunter - December 28, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ *Such a sweet lady .She will be missed*

Leslie Johnston - December 27, 2018 at 02:08 AM

PS

“ Virginia was the best mother-in-law I could have ever hoped for. She was most accepting of me when I entered her son's life. She always accepted me as who I was, and loved me from the start and never attempted to change my way of thinking in anyway. I truly, truly loved her and her absence in my life will leave a large void. She brought the most wonderful man, my husband Bob, into this world and into my life. I love you, Mom. --Pennie

Pennie Smith - December 25, 2018 at 08:30 PM

JE

Virginia was a true Pastor's wife. Always beside him helping with their ministry to our church and community . Pastor Smith baptized my family and I . Virginia was my first Sunday School Teacher after I became a Christian. What a great mentor she was in my young days as a wife, mother, and grandmother . Until this past year , though she had to move away from N A , a year didn't go by that I always received a Christmas Card. Loved that sweet dear lady



Rest In Peace my precious friend
Judy Erskine-Miles

Judy Erskine-Miles - December 27, 2018 at 05:56 AM

BS

Thank you, Judy, for your kind and loving words.

Pennie Smith

Bob Smith - December 27, 2018 at 08:04 AM

BH

Haven't seen Mrs Virginia in many years but was privileged to know her through sharing at Belvedere Baptist! Always a kind and gentle woman with a keen sense of happiness! Loving mother and grandmother! Precious Precious Lady!

Bunny Hill - December 27, 2018 at 05:09 PM

BK

Virginia, a dear friend to our family. We shared many long visits. Jim and I share many sweet memories of our times together. Our love to the family, know that she will be missed, also know that she touched more lives than we can only imagine while she was with us here on earth. Our love to her family.

Betty Key - December 28, 2018 at 09:02 AM