



## Margaret Smith

September 15, 1932 - May 2, 2016

Margaret Grace Coffey Ellis Smith, age 83, died Monday morning May 2nd 2016 in American Fork, Utah after a long battle with dementia.

Margaret was born September 15th, 1932 in Johnson City, Tennessee to Ambrose Minton Coffey and Evelyn Georgia Tipton. She had a happy childhood with her sister Clara and her brother Lawrence. She was active in sports, lettering in tennis, cheerleading, and basketball, and was named the "Best All Around Senior Girl" at Science Hill High School. She married Patrick Reed Ellis on August 25, 1951 in Aiken County, South Carolina. They spent their lives traveling throughout the United States as Pat served in the Air Force. She was the mother of Laura Kay Ellis and Patrick Reed Ellis, Jr.

Margaret's first husband, "Pat" Ellis died at the age of 47 from cancer. She married Don Smith from Bellevue, Nebraska in 1980. After Don's death in 1998, she moved to Alpine, Utah to live near family. She resided in this area until her death.

Margaret loved the sun, traveling and being out doors. She was always on the go, a hard worker, and had tremendous energy. She exercised religiously, kept her body fit, and always dressed and appeared her best. Her passions in life were family, friends, church and cleaning. Everything was in its place. She was the best friend a person could have and maintained her friendships across the country throughout her lifetime. She was fun, had a great sense of humor, celebrated all holidays, and loved throwing parties.

Margaret also had a strong conviction of Christ and exemplified His attributes. She grew up a Baptist but converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she taught Relief Society for many years. When she retired from work she and her 2nd husband, Don Smith, served a mission at the Chicago Temple. She was kind and compassionate. She loved people and accepted everyone. She always sided with the underdog.

Margaret is survived by her sister Clara Byrd and her daughter Laura (Tom) Lefler.

Grandchildren, Adrian (Emilee) Lefler, Byran (Tandi) Lefler, Danielle (Peter) Caplain, Mason (Allison) Lefler, Ashlee (Bobby) Udall, and Mallory Ellis (John) Kaiser. Daughter in Law, Christine Ellis and daughters, Ashley Blashka and Elizabeth Olsen. She has 21 great-grandchildren.

Margaret is preceded in death by her mother, father, brother, husbands Patrick Reed Ellis and Donald Smith, and her son Patrick Reed Ellis Jr.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, May 5th, at 11:00 am, at the High Bench Chapel (Mountainville 5th Ward), 910 South High Bench Road, Alpine, Utah, where a Visitation will be held prior from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Margaret will be interred at Happy Valley Memorial Park Cemetery, 2708 Elizabethton Hwy., Johnson City, Tennessee. A graveside service will be held Monday, May 9th, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Happy Valley Memorial Park** **MAY**

2708 Elizabethton Hwy

Johnson City, TN,

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**Visitation**

09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Mountainville 5th Ward

910 South High Bench Road, Alpine, UT, US, 84004

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**Funeral Service**

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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**Graveside Service**

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Happy Valley Memorial Park

2708 Elizabethton Hwy, Johnson City, TN, US

# Comments

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“ I found out that Margaret passed last night (and that I had missed the funeral) and cried. I really loved her. Her disease had changed her but the core values stayed the same. She loved her family. She had a sense of when someone needed an arm around them. She would love and comfort those who were agitated and sad. She had a way of melting their worries and breaking through their sadness. She made me feel loved. I can't wait to meet her now that she is released from her illness. What an amazing woman.  
I love you Margaret.  
Laura Taylor

**Laura Taylor** - May 06, 2016 at 11:15 AM

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“ She was so nice to Reed's friends. It was always a treat to enjoy the southern cooking.

**Dave Simcoe** - May 03, 2016 at 04:06 PM

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“ The one that comes to mind is the time Aunt Margaret tried to get me to eat spinach.. Yuck!! She even tried toe old "Popeye eats it." Didn't work..

**Steve Humphries** - May 03, 2016 at 03:48 PM

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Utah Valley Mortuary - May 03, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ I can see Reed's eyes in this picture.

**Dave Simcoe** - May 03, 2016 at 04:04 PM



“ What can you say when your heart is breaking and your tears drop down on your page? How can you live without that beautiful face to look at and her giggly honest laugh to hear and know that you are in the presence of someone who would impact your life, upon seeing her, for the rest of your life? How she loved so hard to those lucky people who she called her friend. She was so beautiful inside and out and you loved her even when she beat you in our sport endeavors and was so popular with her classmates that she got the highest honor we could give her as "Best All around Girl" in our high school superlatives. But we didn't give it to her..... She earned it!!!! I never knew anyone to compare to her. I have been blessed to have had her in my life and I hope I added a few good laughs and events to her life. I loved you, my wonderful friend as much or more than one can love a friend, and I shall never forget you. Goodbye my sweet love and we will meet again!!

**Barbara Daniels Schell** - May 03, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ So, sorry for your loss. I know she will be greatly missed. I've got you in my thoughts and prayers. Peace and Godspeed.

**Michael Blevins** - May 04, 2017 at 05:43 AM