



Betty Jo Miller Smith

July 7, 1934 - August 6, 2025

Betty Jo Miller Smith, 91, of Newnan, Georgia died peacefully on August 6, 2025.

Jo was born on July 7, 1934 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma to George H. and Jennie S. Miller. Her family moved to Glendale, Arizona where she grew up, graduated from high school, and went on to meet the love of her life, Al Smith, who was stationed at Luke Air Force Base. They were married on November 6, 1953. Their daughter, Janis, was born in 1954 in Glendale. They moved to Georgia that same year, and in 1957 their son, Jim, was born.

Jo and Al loved traveling to see family and friends, danced every chance they got, and proudly cheered on their beloved Dawgs as longtime University of Georgia season ticket holders. Jo lived a life of deep and abiding faith as a member of Fairburn Baptist Church and previously Shadnor Baptist. She was active with Women of Mission and Daughter of The Niles, among others. She was also immensely proud of her Native American heritage.

Known for her infectious smile, sense of humor, and joyful laugh, Jo had a gift for making everyone feel like her best friend. Truly an entertainer, she lit up every room and filled every occasion with laughter.

Jo is survived by her son, Jim (Lorre) of Plano, Texas; grandsons Garrett

Smith of Denton, Texas and Hunter Smith (Danielle) of Richardson, Texas; sisters Donna White of Glendale, Arizona; Carolyn Davis of Chandler, Arizona; Phyllis Clonts (Frank) of Rockmart, Georgia; brother Eddie Miller (Jan) of Newnan, Georgia, and multiple nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, George H. Miller and Jennie S. Miller; husband, Alfred P. Smith; daughter, Janis Smith Green; brother Fred M. Miller; half-brother George H. "Jack" Miller and half-sister Reba Jo Miller Glades. Jo was the heart of our family, and while we will miss her deeply, we will forever cherish her memory and the countless stories she shared.

A service to celebrate Jo's life will be held at the Chapel at Parrott Funeral Home on September 13, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the same day. We invite all those who knew and loved her to join us in celebrating her remarkable life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Southern Grace Hospice Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association in loving memory of Jo.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM.

Parrott Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Betty Jo Miller Smith*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 13, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *Parrott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jo Miller Smith*



Parrott Funeral Home - September 02, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ *To many memories to select just one so thankful for them all. May Peace be with Jo. My deepest condolences Jim and to all the Miller & Smith family. 💔❤️*

Cheney - September 13, 2025 at 09:58 AM

TS

“ My childhood memories are full of times with Joe, Alfred, Jimmy and Janice. Jo would come to our house and show my mom how to make Native American tortillas and tacos. Sometimes we had spaghetti and watched the miss America pageant. She was full of light and joy. Those days at Shadnor were priceless. I know she will be missed until we see her again. I'm praying for the family.

tammy stover - September 13, 2025 at 09:28 AM

JJ

“ I became friends with Jo's sister, Carolyn in 1961 and then met Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Jo and Al, Freddie, Phyllis and Eddie. Throughout the years, I've had contact with them and this family has given me so much joy and a whole 'otta laughter. Jo was a special lady who gave me such comfort and compassion when I have been around her. When I visited her at The Hope Center she was happy and content and she still radiated that beautiful personality with so much love. She will always be remembered as a special friend with Jesus in her heart and soul.

Joann Earnest Jones - September 10, 2025 at 03:14 PM

YF

“ Your Sister Donna and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Betty Jo Miller Smith.



Your Sister Donna and family - September 10, 2025 at 05:20 AM

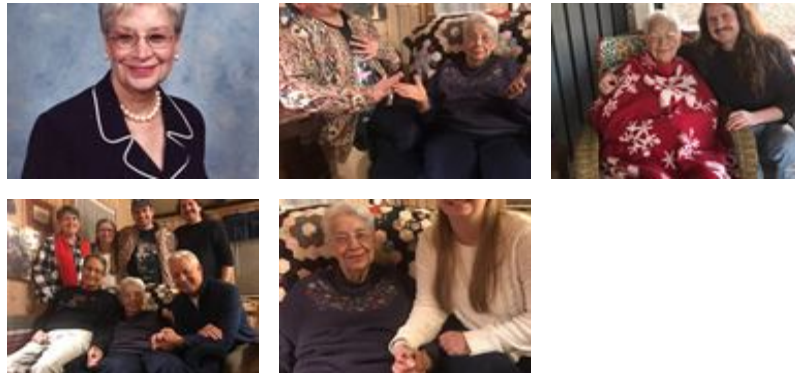
KN

“ My dearest Aunt Jo, I'm going to miss you much. We all had the best memories growing up and you all would come see us in Arizona. I will never forget when Janis got married you asked me if I would consider wearing Janis's wedding dress and that she would put it away for me. Then 5 years later I called to tell her to send it to Arizona. It was such an honor to wear that dress for my wedding. It was so thoughtful for her to think of me. I have loved her all my life and will till the end of my days. She was such a big part of this big crazy family that I love. We will all be together someday and what a wonderful reunion that will be. With all my love your niece Karen❤️
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Karen Hess (niece) - September 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - September 02, 2025 at 08:47 AM

LS

“ We are going to Mrs. Betty Jo. and her beautiful smile every morning. my deepest condolences to the family. Mr Lee Hope Center FD

Lee Shropshire - August 25, 2025 at 09:58 AM

BD

“ I spent quite some time visiting with Jo when my mother was in assisted living. From day one, I knew what a special lady she was. Just like you said in the obituary, she did make everyone feel like they were best friends with her, even me! While my mother's memory was not the best, Jo was one of the people's names she did learn. Knowing her friend Jo was going to be in the dining room gave my mother motivation to go to meals on difficult days. I know she is heaven and look forward to the day when I can give her a big hug of thanks.



Bobbi Deling - August 17, 2025 at 10:18 AM

AD

“ *Angela Bentley Dendy*



Angela Bentley Dendy - August 16, 2025 at 01:30 AM

IS

“ I have sweet memories of Jo when she was at Shadnor Baptist Church- she was a faithful member in the choir which was led by my late husband Raymond Sauls- we had a lot of good times and Jo was always there helping any way she could. I extend my sincere sympathy to all the family and prayers for peace and God's comfort to all her friends and family.

Sincerely, Irene Sauls

Irene Sauls - August 15, 2025 at 07:41 PM

MF

“ *Mike & Erika Fallas purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Jo Miller Smith.*



Mike & Erika Fallas - August 15, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JR

“ *Jo was a beautiful lady, inside and out! So many wonderful memories of her, during our Shadnor church days!*

Julia Rivers - August 15, 2025 at 12:40 PM

RS

“ *Eddie and family, so sorry to hear about Jo. May God provide you Peace, Comfort and Understanding now and in the days ahead.*

Renee Slaton - August 14, 2025 at 09:44 PM