



## Avo G. Smith

January 23, 1916 - May 2, 2015

Avo Greenway Smith, 99, widow of Paul William Smith, Sr., of 406 West Arlington Avenue, died May 2, 2015 at St. Francis Eastside.

A native of Greenville County, she was a daughter of the late John Weldon and Amanda Osteen Greenway, a homemaker, and member of Greer First Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher for 52 years and was active in the WMU. She was instrumental in starting Southside Baptist Church in Greer, SC.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Timmie and Ralph Voyles of Spartanburg; two sons and daughter-in-law, David Smith of Greer and Mike and Debbie Smith of Moore; two daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Smith and Robin Smith both of Greer; eleven grandchildren, Ralph Voyles, Jr., Mark Voyles, Stephen Voyles, Anna V. Hodge, Jonathan Smith, Ben Smith, Will Smith, Jessica S. Almond, Kia Harvey, Bill Smith and Ashley Rodgers; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She was also predeceased by a son, Paul W. Smith, Jr.

Graveside services will be held 4:00 p.m. Monday at Mountain View Cemetery, conducted by Dr. Wilson Nelson, Rev. Dave Dupree and Mrs. Dottie Bryson.

The grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family is at the home.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the caregivers, Ruby Rookard and Nancy Rollins.

Memorials may be made to Greer Community Ministries,  
P.O. Box 1373, Greer, S.C. 29652.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 4. 4:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery  
303 North Avenue  
Greer, SC 29650

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ *Always a beautiful person inside & out!*

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**Nancy Hawkins Smith** - May 26, 2015 at 07:16 AM

WG

“ *David,I am so sorry to hear of your Moms passing.I havent seen you since you left the fire dept I guess but hope you are doing well,again sorry for your loss.*

*Wanda Gambrell (Stokes from Police Dept)*

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**wanda gambrell** - May 05, 2015 at 06:08 PM

SP

“ *Dear Smith Family,  
Steve and I would like to let you all know how fond we were of your mother. She was a sweet kind woman. From the first time I met her until the last time I saw her she was such a joy to be around. Steve has always told of good memories of her that he had growing up. You are in our thought and prayers, We pray for peace to be in your heart just because you know she now lives with Jesus. We cherish the friendship we have with your family. Love to you all, Sharon and Steve Van Patton*

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**Sharon Van Patton** - May 04, 2015 at 08:42 PM

TS

“ Remembering the happy and carefree times when we were kids, playing games with our cousins and Aunt Avo feeding us drinks and snacks. She was a special kind of lady and will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew her. Love and prayers to all of you.

*Tina (Lynn) Stansbury*

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**Tina Lynn Stansbury** - May 04, 2015 at 10:58 AM

CS

“ Dear Timmie and Ralph,  
So sorry to hear that Aunt Avo has passed but sure she is rejoicing in her heavenly company. She was an elegant lady with the best sense of humor and kindest heart. We are sorry we can't be in Greer on Monday afternoon; our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Love, Chris and Ansley Stone*

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**chris stone** - May 03, 2015 at 07:22 PM

JS

“ Mike, Sorry to hear of the loss of your Sweet Mother. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family  
*Jimmy and Darlene Sims*

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**jimmy and darlene sims** - May 03, 2015 at 04:07 PM

“ Dear Smith family,

*Our thoughts are with you all during this time of sadness. Avo's passing marks a true end of a memorable era. Raising our family in downtown Greer with all the ties to the past could not have been more perfect. Avo, Dot Walker, Marian Patat, Mama Howell, Louise Waters, Lois Ratteree were the matriarchs who lived by example. Some I knew better than others, all would have done anything for me had I asked. Strolling babies on the sidewalks was the best way to get to know my neighbors. Sitting on the porch asking questions about their early years was another.*

*Of course, our sweet Helen Hughes knew all and had stories to tell of the early child-rearing years. One came to mind as I remember it from Helen's telling. A young Avo found the perfect plant for an arbor that she had in the backyard. She dug the ground, planted and tended it until the arbor was covered in the beautiful green leafy vine. She was so proud of her accomplishment until someone advised her that the vine was KUDZU.*

*Not to be outdone, Avo told one on Helen. At a holiday meal, Helen decided to have ham. She carefully trimmed every piece of fat from the meat before baking. Shoe leather would have tasted better.*

*And not long before Helen stopped driving, there was "the accident". Helen and Avo attended Wednesday night service at Greer First Baptist. About 8:30pm we get a call. Alan, you need to go to Avo's. Your mom's not hurt but has been in an accident. He jumps in the car to drive two blocks to find out what's going on. Avo, Dot and Tony Walker are in the driveway to flag Alan down. Helen's car is wedged between an old water oak and the next door neighbor's house. The Smith's house received quite a wallop...enough to knock it off the foundation at that corner. The water oak was pinning the driver's side door shut. The Pontiac's front wheels were dangling over the drop off and Helen is in the car unable to get out. Alan remembers helping Helen get into the back seat and out that door to safety. The icing on this adventure was Avo and Helen's explanation of what transpired. Avo swears that*

*Helen is the safest driver she knows. The only answer can be (and they both agreed) that the car was POSSESSED.*

*We love y'all more than you'll know.*

*Becky and Alan*

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**Becky and Alan Hughes** - May 03, 2015 at 01:19 PM

WR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Whitney, Scott , Neil and Allison Rosch*

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**whitney rosch** - May 03, 2015 at 09:54 AM