



Merle Atkins Smith

February 9, 1940 - April 8, 2025

Merle Atkins Smith, 85, wife of the late John Wesley Smith, Jr., passed away April 8, 2025.

A native of Greenville County, SC, daughter of the late Cealus Olander Atkins and Lorene Howard Atkins, she was a retired billing clerk and a member of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Darrell Hice (Rachel) of Greer and Phillip Dale "Pete" Hice, Sr. of Pacolet, South Carolina; a daughter, J.C. Wood (Todd) of Key West, Florida; a sister, Dale Wood (Marion) of Greer; five grandchildren, Preston Hice (Ellen), Shannon Hice (Melissa), Phillip D. Hice, Jr., Hunter Hice (Rachel), and Dillon Wood (Ashleigh); six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is predeceased by her first husband Billy Darrell Hice, Sr.; and a sister, Marlene A. Pittman.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery conducted by Rev. Ken Jackson.

Visitation will be held 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Thursday, April 10, 2025, at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at their respective homes.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery
572 Mount Lebanon Church Road
Greeg, SC 29651

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Preston, Ellen, and Haven purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Merle Atkins Smith.



Preston, Ellen, and Haven - April 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM

AA

“ Angie AshmoreKruse lit a candle in memory of Merle Smith



Angie AshmoreKruse - April 09, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ Marion and Dale Wood & Mechelle Rozema purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Merle Atkins Smith.



Marion and Dale Wood & Mechelle Rozema - April 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM

MR

“ Marion and Dale Wood & Mechelle Rozema planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Atkins Smith.

Marion and Dale Wood & Mechelle Rozema - April 09, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Merle Atkins Smith.*



April 09, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Dale, I am sorry for the loss of Merle. God be with the family at this tough time.*

J.C. Crenshaw - April 09, 2025 at 08:42 AM



“ *Dawn Cooke sent a virtual gift in memory of Merle Smith*



Dawn Cooke - April 09, 2025 at 05:08 AM



So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you 🙏❤️

Maxine Dill Howell - April 10, 2025 at 06:54 AM