



Betty Smythe-Ladd

November 7, 1936 - March 26, 2026

Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Smythe-Ladd, beloved lifelong resident of Muskogee, Oklahoma, met her Savior on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the age of 89. Born November 7, 1936, to Robert and Mary (Samples) Polk, Betty attended Muskogee public schools and graduated from Muskogee Central High School with the class of 1955.

In 1957, Betty married Jimmie Dale Smythe, and together they raised their family and made cherished memories until Jimmie's passing in 2016. In 2017, Betty found love again with Dr. George H. Ladd, and she often expressed how blessed she felt to have been married to two of the greatest men she had ever known.

Betty's working career began at OG&E as a cashier. Her path then led her to the banking industry, where she dedicated 18 years to First National Bank, followed by positions at American Bank, Citizen's Bank, and Bank of Oklahoma. Alongside her professional pursuits, Betty was co-owner of Unique Cleaners for 15 years, demonstrating her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to her community.

Her love for horses, especially Arabians, brought her much joy throughout her life. Above all, family was most important to Betty, and she treasured every moment spent with them. She attended First Christian Church for many years and later found a spiritual home at First Baptist Church in Muskogee.

Betty's warmth, dedication, and faith touched many lives. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Jimmie Dale; son, Shan; sister, Barbara; and brother, Robert Polk.

Betty is survived by her husband, George H. Ladd; her son, Brad; grandchildren, Scott (Alyssa), Spencer (Samantha), and Sara (Mohamed); great-grandchildren, Eloise, Aria, Clarke; step children, Lyn (Mark) and Michael (Lucia); step-grandchildren, Will (Alexandra), Evan, and Sabrina; along with nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Betty's life will be celebrated at 10AM, Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Kevin Chartney officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Muskogee with Andy Anderson, Mike Calavan, Bob Coburn, Chris Jackson, Scott Smythe, Spencer Smythe, and Mohamed Suleyman serving as pallbearers.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

7600 Old Taft Rd.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.



March 31 at 04:02 PM



“ *Johnny and Velms Loza* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.



Johnny and Velms Loza - March 31 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.



March 31 at 10:37 AM



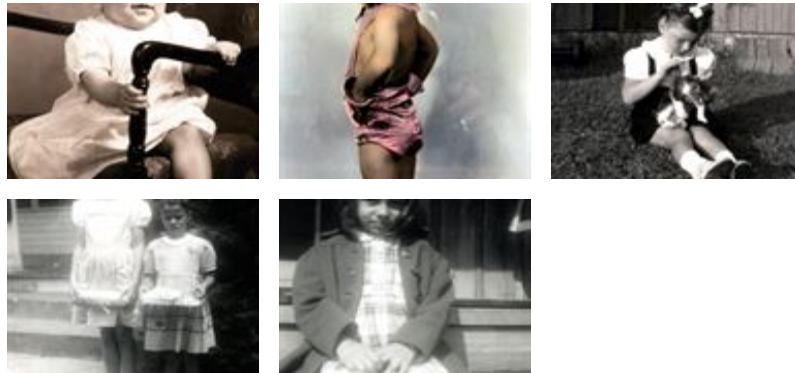
“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.



March 30 at 04:43 PM



“ 74 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - March 30 at 11:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Betty Smythe-Ladd*.



March 30 at 11:04 AM



“ *CHERYL CUNNINGHAM* lit a candle in memory of *Betty Smythe-Ladd*



CHERYL CUNNINGHAM - March 30 at 10:01 AM



“ *Betty was a wonderful person. may God give her family peace. Brad you were blessed by wonderful parents. God Bless*

joe jayne - March 28 at 07:58 PM

JS

“ *Brad and family, so sorry for you loss. Your mom was a good friend to my mom and our families have been friends for many moons. May you be comforted in the love of Christ.*
John Standridge

John Standridge - March 28 at 03:39 PM

RG

“ *Ronald G. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.*



Ronald G. - March 28 at 09:10 AM

VD

“ *Betty was a beautiful lady who showed the love of Christ. I enjoyed visiting with her when she owned Unique Dry Cleaners. One day, we will be united in Heaven with our family members. Wendell and Vicki Davis*

Vicki Davis - March 27 at 04:13 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Smythe-Ladd.*



March 27 at 04:07 PM