



## Oleta Jewel Smith

November 2, 1931 - November 25, 2023

Oleta Jewel Smith, 92, passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023. She recently lived in Piedmont, Oklahoma but lived in Muskogee from 1966 to 2021. She was born November 2, 1931 in Spaulding, Oklahoma to Harve Hilton Whaley and Beulah Lucas Whaley. After the death of her mother, Beulah, she was raised by her Aunt Hester and Uncle Lawrence Byerly of Spaulding. Oleta grew up in Spaulding where she completed her high school education at Spaulding High School in 1950.

Oleta married William Howard Smith Jr. on April 22, 1952 in Waco, Texas. She and Howard lived in Oklahoma City and in Clinton in the 1950's before moving to Amarillo in the early 1960's. In 1966, Oleta and Howard moved to Muskogee to follow Howard's career as an investigator with the Federal Department of Labor.

Oleta was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church for 55 years until moving closer to her son and his family in Piedmont, Oklahoma. She then joined New Covenant Church in Edmond, Oklahoma where her son and family attended. Oleta and her husband, Howard, were active in the Volunteers in Missions program for many years while attending St. Paul's UMC. She also was an avid reader, enjoyed playing cards and dominoes with her family and friends. She also loved making ceramics and buying antiques for her booth at a local antique store.

Oleta is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Linda Smith of Piedmont; her grandchildren, Mike Davis and his wife Dana of Tahlequah, Melissa Micheli and her husband Joe of Long Beach, California, Jessica Keyser and her husband Cody of Piedmont, and Tyler Smith and his wife Jenna of Yukon; and six great-grandchildren, Leightyn and Koen Keyser, Emery and Grayson Smith, and Emerson and Elliana Taylor.

A graveside service for Oleta will be at 2PM, Friday, December 1, 2023 at Greenhill Cemetery with Rev. Jay Smith officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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