



## Gena Kathryn Smart

December 22, 1929 - December 29, 2019

Funeral services for Gena K. Smart, 90, of Ridgecrest, LA will be held at Clayton Baptist Church (8722 Hwy 566 Clayton, LA 71326) on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 1:00PM with Pastor Emile Bordelon officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Natchez, under the direction of Young's Funeral Home.

Gena K. Smart was born on Sunday, December 22, 1929 in Brookhaven, MS and passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019 in Alexandria, LA. She attended West Lincoln School in Brookhaven and Draughn Business College in Jackson. She grew up at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Brookhaven where she was baptized in 1943. She was very active in music for all her churches she attended. Gena was one of the first workers at International Paper Co. in Natchez as a secretary. She retired from Adams County Welfare Department after 15 years. Gena was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be missed by everybody who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents- Geems and Arcola Smith; 4 sisters- Velma Britt, Martell Byrd, Maude Smith, and Parlee Smith; brother- Hugh V. Smith; granddaughter- Jennifer Jean Smith; and former husband- Charles W. Nelson.

Gena leaves behind her husband- Billy R. Smart; son- Mitchell Nelson and

wife Sarah; 5 daughters- Alana Nelson, Suzane Robertson, Debbie Gordon and husband Phil, Melanie Richardson, and Gena Garrity; 2 step-daughters- Becky Bennett and husband Lawrence and Gail Faust and husband Rex; 3 sisters- Laverne Lee, Evelyn Smith, and Johnnie Jackson; 8 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, niceces, nephews, family, and friends.

Pallbearers will be Phil Gordon, George Bourke, Robert Newman, Daniel Bordelon, Lawrence Bennett, and Alaric Snow.

The family will receive friends at Young's Funeral Home- Ferriday on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 5PM until 8PM. To leave an online condolence for the family please visit [www.youngsfh.com](http://www.youngsfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

Natchez, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Young Funeral Home - Ferriday  
609 N. E.E. Wallace Blvd.  
P.O. Box 1850  
Ferriday, LA 71334  
(318) 336-1300

## Service

JAN **1**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Clayton Baptist Church  
8722 Hwy 566  
Clatyon, LA

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Alexandra Snow lit a candle in memory of Gena Kathryn Smart*



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**Alexandra Snow** - January 01, 2020 at 01:42 AM

DG

“ *Debbie Gordon lit a candle in memory of Gena Kathryn Smart*



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**Debbie Gordon** - December 31, 2019 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ *My dear beautiful sweet mama. I am going to miss you so much but God was ready for another angel so he called you home. Rest my dear mama, rest!! Love you always & forever!! There could never be another mama as wonderful as you.....Deb*

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**Debbie Gordon** - December 31, 2019 at 07:32 PM

KC

“ *Ms. Smart's family is in our thoughts and prayers. Our condolences, Tommye Sue, Kristi and Stacy Carter; Kevin and Eddie Hughes.*

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**kristi carter** - December 31, 2019 at 05:30 PM

SN

“ Going to miss you so much! I loved watching you play the piano! Love you



Sarah Nelson - December 31, 2019 at 03:44 PM

JR

“ Jennifer Nelson Ratcliffe lit a candle in memory of Gena Kathryn Smart



Jennifer Nelson Ratcliffe - December 31, 2019 at 01:31 PM

GG

“ Gena A Garrity lit a candle in memory of Gena Kathryn Smart



Gena A Garrity - December 31, 2019 at 01:14 PM

GG

Love you so much and I'm going to miss you dearly. Fly high my sweet mama, until we meet again !

Gena Garrity - January 01, 2020 at 07:30 AM

KS

“ *Katherine Squyres lit a candle in memory of Gena Kathryn Smart*



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**Katherine Squyres** - December 31, 2019 at 04:16 AM

JM

“ *Oh, Gena, Alana, Debbie and Melanie. I am so sorry for your sorrow and pray Christ will give you peace and comfort. We all know your mom has her special seat in Heaven.*

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**James C. Funderburg, MD** - December 30, 2019 at 08:30 PM