



Ruby Smith

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Ruby Lee Smith, 99, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, in a local healthcare facility. She was formerly a seamstress in the textile industry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph D. Smith, I; son, Joseph D. Smith, II; daughters, Barbara Walker and Brenda Kincaid; father, Richard Thurman, Sr.; mother, Lillie B. Thurman; sisters, Magnolia Nesbitt, Sara Boyd, and Annie M. Hill.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Leslie Walker, Bryant Smith, and Andrea Moore, all of Philadelphia, PA; brother, Richard (Wanda) Thurman, Jr. of Chattanooga; a host of great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. giving the words of comfort.



Events

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Lie-In-State

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411-1076



Graveside

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road, Chattanooga TN 37421





Tribute Wall

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PJ

Pat Jones posted:

RIP SWEET RUBY YOU LIVED ALIVING BLESSED LIFE

January 16 at 11:11 PM

JA

Jerry A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby.



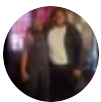
January 16 at 10:30 PM

J

Jerry Akins posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of my Aunt Ruby that I can't fit them all here. The ones that stand out most were those late-night Pokeno games. Aunt Ruby, my grandmother and grandfather, would sit around Aunt Ruby's kitchen table playing until my grandfather won all of his pennies back. He never quit until he won; lots of late nights! Aunt Ruby always took the time to listen and gave you real feedback. I spent an equal amount of time at Aunt Ruby's home as I did at my grandmother's home, as she and her two sisters shared the same block in North Philadelphia. This is how I learned the value of sibling love. As I grew up, I watched them, always together, supporting one another. I am so grateful for the time we had together, and I find comfort in knowing that Aunt Ruby spent her final years where she wanted to be—close to her brother, my Great Uncle June.

January 16 at 10:27 PM



Bryant Smith sent a virtual gift in honor of Ruby.

My phone is memory was her smile her smile can light up the room

January 11 at 10:06 AM



AE

Andrea E. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby.



January 9 at 6:16 PM



Tribute Wall

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Leslie W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby.



January 9 at 5:58 PM



Rosalyn Smedley Dodson lit a candle in honor of Ruby.

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January 5 at 11:10 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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