



Virginia Frances (Smith) Bradford

November 3, 1936 - January 1, 2021

Virginia Frances (Smith) Bradford, age 84, of Conyers passed away on January 1st, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, W. Paul Smith and Harvest M. Atha; brother, Alonzo F. Smith; and granddaughter, Elizabeth Dawn Gaylord. She is survived by her husband, Raymond N. Bradford; children, Judy (Billy) Ethridge of Locust Grove, Dawn (Tom) Gaylord of Wetumpka, Alabama, and Jeff (Linda) Bradford of Cumming; grandchildren; Shelby (Matt) Panzenhagen, Ty Brownlee, Michael Gaylord, Matthew (Hannah) Gaylord, Mitchell Gaylord, Emily (Alex) Tostado, Libby (Alex) Barbosa, and Abby Bradford; and brother, W. Otis (Pudgie) Smith. After graduating from Conyers High School, she received a full scholarship from Callaway Mill to attend Georgia Southern Teacher College. Upon graduation she began her 25 years career with Rockdale County School System as an elementary school teacher retiring in 1992. On December 19, 1959 she married Raymond, the love of her life. They recently celebrated 61 years of marriage. During their retirement years they loved to travel or “rambling around” as they called it. Virginia was a dedicated Christian, wife, mother, and grandmother. She treasured every moment with her family. She especially loved her role as 'Nanny'.

A memorial service for family and friends will be announced at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Private Committal Services wil be held

Tribute Wall

HM

“ I have fond memories of her and her husband and her whole family. Growing up in Milstead it seemed as though we were all one big family. She was always so sweet and beautiful. God bless her family and friends. It's been way too many years since the last time I saw her.

Helen Efola McMillan - January 06, 2021 at 08:11 AM

RD

“ Mrs Bradford taught our son in second grade at JH House Elementary School and was such a caring and loving teacher. She invested in her students and was one of our favorites. She was a blessing. Prayers to the family because we know she will be missed.

Ben and Rhonda Duren

Rhonda Duren - January 04, 2021 at 08:55 AM

MB

“ Aunt Virginia, from my earliest memories, was a smart, warm and fun loving person. She and our mother, Virginia Bradford, also enjoyed a special bond not just as sister-in-laws sharing a name but as true and beloved best friends. Aunt Virginia was simply a lovely person in every way and will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to Judy, Dawn and Jeff and families. Michael J. Bradford

Michael J. Bradford - January 02, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LR

Having worked at JHH I came to love Mrs. Virginia. She was my daughter's teacher. She will be missed. Sincerest condolences to Mr. Raymond, and this family ! Praying for you all! Love Linda Ragsdale

Linda Ragsdale - January 02, 2021 at 11:17 AM

MB

Aunt Virginia always cared about what you had to say. She would ask questions and listened to your answer with genuine interest, not just to make conversation. This was even more evident when she was talking to children and a trait that helped make her a great teacher - admired by parents, teachers and school administrators. She also loved to joke and laugh, another trait of a person people like to be around.

Uncle Raymond, Judy, Dawn, Jeff and Family we are thinking about you during this time.

Mitch Bradford and Family

Mitch Bradford - January 02, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MB

Special Thoughts & Prayers for Uncle Raymond at this difficult time. Their 61 years of marriage was a tribute to the true devotion each had for the other. Deepest Sympathy, Michael J. Bradford

Michael J. Bradford - January 02, 2021 at 07:23 PM

LP

A wonderful person inside and out, she lived with us, Macie and Deke, while she was teaching at Tony Elementary school, Dekalb county. She was a lot of fun to be around. So sorry for y'all as well as our loss.

Larry Peek - January 05, 2021 at 01:08 PM