



Janice Kaye Smith

December 21, 1961 - May 11, 2026

Janice Kaye Smith was born on December 21, 1961, in Ocala to the late Luke Berry Smith and Janette Howard Smith. She peacefully transitioned from this life on May 11, 2026, surrounded by love and embraced by cherished family and friends.

Janice received her education through the Sumter County School District, where she was actively involved in student leadership and organizations, serving as Parliamentarian of the Student Council and participating in FHA and Keywanettes. She later earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Central Florida.

A devoted woman of faith and service, Janice faithfully served as Secretary of Spark Level Missionary Baptist Church and the Bethel Baptist Association of Florida, Inc. for many years. She also worked in the Finance Department of the Florida General Baptist Convention. Throughout her career with the State of Florida, Janice held several valuable positions, always striving to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Janette Howard Smith; her father, Luke Berry Smith; her brother, Leonard B. Smith; and her sister, Lynette E. Smith.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: her husband, Darryll Helm; stepdaughter, Brianna Myers (Michael) of Jacksonville, Florida; stepson, Brian Helm Sr. of Jacksonville, Florida; brother-in-law Kenneth Helm of Washington DC; sisters-in-law Diane Helm, Camilla Craig (Steven) of Waldorf, Maryland, and Yusuf Abdullah (Shuron) of Bowie, Maryland; grandchildren Aaron Myers, Asaiah Myers, and Brian Helm Jr.; a niece who was like a daughter, Samantha Mikell of Leesburg; nephews William Smith (Cherie) of Fruitland Park, Ronnie Thomas III (Lashaunta) of St. Petersburg, and James Smith of Cherry Lake, Florida; great-nieces and great-nephews Shayanna, Ki'era, Jayden, Heaven, Ka'vyne, Trishanda, Brianna, Wilandria, William Jr., Christian, Braylon, Nevaeh, and Nayana; five great-great-nieces, one great-great-nephew; Goddaughter, Shaton Bennett of Tallahassee, Florida and Godson Charles Smith, Jr.; and a host of loving cousins, extended family members, and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Lake Community Cemetery

Lady Lake, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Spark Level Missionary Baptist Church
8706 County Road 100B
Lady Lake, FL 32162

Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NA

“ *Nakish lit a candle in memory of Janice Kaye Smith*



Nakish - May 28 at 08:03 PM

JD

“ *My dear cousin you will be forever missed. God garden needed a beautiful flower and he plucked you. I remember the day you tried following me on the monkey bars and almost lost your life we always followed each other I tried the band along with you hated but still stayed but moved to flag corp instead from the instrument. Those was the good day that I have always cherish. Cuz I will miss you sleep on cuz.*

Jennifer Clark Dixon - May 22 at 09:21 AM

SW

Rest in Power my friend. The years we spent working together at FGBC will always be remembered. You were always kind and helpful. My condolences to your family. Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Shirley Woods - May 22 at 11:00 AM

LP

“ To the Smith family: my condolences, love and prayers are with you as you are going through this difficult time of grief. I pray that GOD will give you “peace and comfort” as you journey through your loss. Always, Laurice Peterson 🙏❤️🌸



Laurice Peterson - May 19 at 11:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Kaye Smith.

May 15 at 10:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Kaye Smith.



May 15 at 10:19 AM

CA

“ You will be missed Janice. Your beautiful smile always lit up the room. You have your wings now sis. Rest in peace. Camilla and Montana

Camilla - May 14 at 11:40 AM

SA

“ It was indeed a beautiful blessing and honor to have shared this life with Janice. From the time we met, she was the example of a faithful, kind and patient human being. Her beautiful laughter was "easy like Sunday morning ". She showed Strength and fortitude, providing care for both her dear father and sister, Lynette, while also dealing with her own health challenges.
Rest Peacefully, our Dear Sister in Law
Well deserved!💕💕💕

Shuron Abdullah - May 14 at 11:36 AM

MS

“ MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of
Janice Kaye Smith



MONICA SCOTT - May 14 at 10:01 AM