



Juanita Faye Bell

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Juanita Faye Bell, age 78, of Plant City passed away on November 3, 2023, in Lakeland, FL. She was born on August 14, 1945 in Dayton, OH to the late Theodore and Ida Smith.

Faye was of the Baptist Faith. She loved the Lord and served Him her whole life. She worked as a church secretary and as an administrative assistant for many years before opening her own secretarial service, Command Center in Plant City. She turned her love for the movie "Gone with the Wind" into a thriving business, Gone with the Wind Memories. She had retail stores at Cypress Gardens, Plant City, on-line and a popular booth at the Strawberry Festival for 25 years. Her GWTW clients became close friends & like family to her. She loved them and they loved her.

She leaves behind her sisters-in-law Rubie Smith of KY, Beverly Bell & Cathy Birr of OH; brother-in-laws Don Bell & Ed (Dessie) Bell of OH; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband, Jim, of 55 years, and her brothers Edward & Ronald Smith.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 212 E Highland Dr., Suite 105, Lakeland, FL 33813, or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.



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Cemetery Details

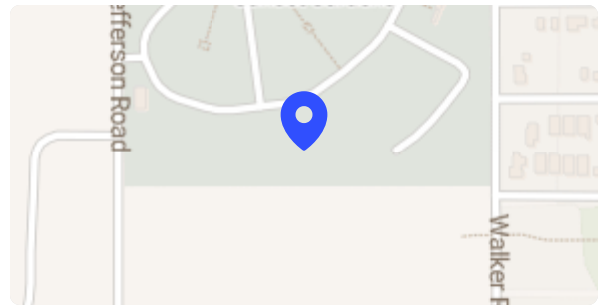


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Tribute Wall

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Wanda Dunlap sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.

A dear friend ...Friendship beginning over forty- five years ago. Attending church together, sharing vacations and always staying in touch.. .a loyal friend whose precious memories will never be forgotten. Wanda Dunlap and the late, Jim Dunlap.



November 9 at 7:31 AM



Emily Joyner posted:

She was such a wonderful hostess for our Gone With The Wind events! I have so many great memories! We got to meet some of the cast of the movie, which was Awsome! Rest in peace with Jim now!! So glad she passed thru my life & left footprints on my heart!!

November 8 at 8:02 AM

PH **Patty Handy** November 8 at 9:15 AM
R.I.P. sweet Faye.

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Her GWTW events were great. Always had a few surprises for you each time you sat down to eat.



Rick Smith posted:

As I grow older it makes me sad to realize I won't ever be able to stop by and see my Aunt Faye. Many years we would travel to Florida and Uncle Jim and Aunt Faye would always welcome us to their home where we would sit and share wonderful stories. My boys were so enamored by Uncle Jim's sense of humor and Aunt Faye would always take them to her shop/storage and allow them to pick something from her collection (within reason of course lol), but we always enjoyed spending time with them. Now, all of my Dad's siblings are gone, and the words to Precious Memories mean more to me than ever before.

November 7 at 5:37 PM



Shondie Williams posted:

Give Uncle Jim the biggest hug from us. Rest easy Aunt Faye.

November 7 at 3:34 PM



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RS

Rubie Smith posted:

So sad to lose my beautiful sister in law. She was the last of the Smith family except for mine and Ron's 4 children and grandchildren. They are sad to hear of her passing.

November 7 at 8:27 AM

MC

Marion D Cole lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



November 7 at 7:31 AM

MC

Marion D Cole posted:

My prayers are with the family of Ms Faye Bell during this difficult time. Faye and Jim were my neighbors for over 25 years and their kindness were immeasurable and I will surely miss them. God has set Faye's soul free from the defilement of this mortal flesh and will restore her to her heritage of everlasting salvation. Many Blessings, Marion D Cole and family.

November 7 at 7:29 AM

LB

Larry Baldwin posted:

The times we had with Faye and Jim were great some exciting. From the times of letting her talk me into a shortcut in my boat by the skyway bridge resulting into running aground and me and Jim pushing a big boat off a sand bar. Matching me up with my wife even though we were ship wrecked on one of our dates together. Jim witnessing me making a chip shot hitting the flag pole and making an impressive hole in one on a nice golf course - then watching me on the 2nd hole bouncing the ball off of 3 condo roofs along the fairway - he loved golf so much I could not embarrass him - he was a very good golfer. Watching the entire gone with the wind movie at the Florida theater in downtown Tampa Faye was quite a girl, ambitious and ran her businesses very professional but most of all she seen something in me to match make me with Karen her & Jim's best friend. Many memories to many to list great restaurants and get together's over the years. I've been missing her and those good times together for quite awhile. Thank you Faye for a better wife than I deserve. I'll see you again I'm sure and you can finally relax now and say high to Jim for me. Thinking of you and those good old times together - me and Karen will miss you.

November 7 at 5:32 AM



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BT

Beverly Tatum posted:

I never had opportunity's to get to know my cousin Faye but when we moved to FL I was 13 & she & Jim reached out to my sister Carol & me to try to make us feel welcomed. They took us out for food & bought us a record that was popular at the time. I always appreciated them for reaching out. I also thank & appreciate my cousin Karen for taking on the responsibility of being her caretakers for these last few years. She prayed about every decision she had to make for her & did a wonderful job. Karen made sure Faye had the best care. So sorry for our loss losing another family member. Thoughts & prayers for all the family.

November 7 at 3:54 AM

SS

Shirley Sheppard April 4 at 9:06 AM

I'm just now learning about Miss Faye's passing. She was a wonderful Windie Friend who was also an awesome writer. My parents and I attended many GWTW events, always having beautiful experiences. Shirley Sheppard

RF

Rosemarie Floyd November 8 at 8:10 AM

You and your wonderful stories will be missed. What a great life!!! Thank you for including me in your GWTW family. Love to all your family and friends,

BH

Barbara Helton Hall November 7 at 7:06 AM

I am going to miss Faye very much. Faye was close as a sister. Our parents were best friends and I knew Faye from her birth. Growing up, we lived in the same area, we were great friends, we went to church together, we played together, we got in trouble together, many times. When they moved to Florida, I lost my best friend. We always stayed in communication, visiting each other, talking on the phone for hours. Faye was without a doubt one of the most creative people I have ever met. She could take an ink pen and create the most beautiful cards that you could not buy in the market. She was just a wonderful person and I'm going to miss her desperately. Thank you Karen for stepping up and being the best. Love you all, prayers for your family.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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