



Vada Ruth Smith

July 16, 1931 - May 14, 2026

Vada Ruth Smith, 94 of Clover Bend, passed away May 14, 2026, in the Lawrence Hall Nursing Center in Walnut Ridge.

Born July 16, 1931 near Walnut Ridge, daughter of Ollen and Ruth Risenhoover Ballard. She was united in marriage to Robert L. (Bud) Smith on September 1, 1955. Vada worked as a school secretary for the Clover Bend and Hoxie School. She was a faithful member of the Hoxie Methodist Church and enjoyed Gardening and Fishing.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bud; and two brothers, Jerry Ballard and Tony Ballard.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise (Steve) Graham of Clover Bend; two grandchildren, Beth (Chris) Stowers and Josh (Brandy) Graham; six great grandchildren, Graham Stowers, Sawyer Graham, Bekah Stowers, Jameson Graham, Noah Stowers, and Archer Stowers; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 10 A.M. in the Bryan Chapel in Hoxie with Pastor Kevin Roberts and Pastor Dede Roberts officiating. Pallbearers will be Josh Graham, Chris Stowers, Graham Stowers, Sawyer Graham, Jerry Ballard, and Terry Spradlin. Honorary Pallbearers will

be Scott Fowler, Jim Griffis, Clayton Graham, Larry Jones, and Richard Tinker. Interment will follow in the Strangers Home Cemetery in Alicia.

Visitation will be Monday, May 18, 2026, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Bryan Funeral Home Chapel in Hoxie.

Cemetery Details

Strangers Home Cemetery

542 Lawrence Road 543
Alicia, AR 72410

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bryan Funeral Home - Hoxie
415 N. Texas Street
Hoxie, AR 72433
(870) 886-3434

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

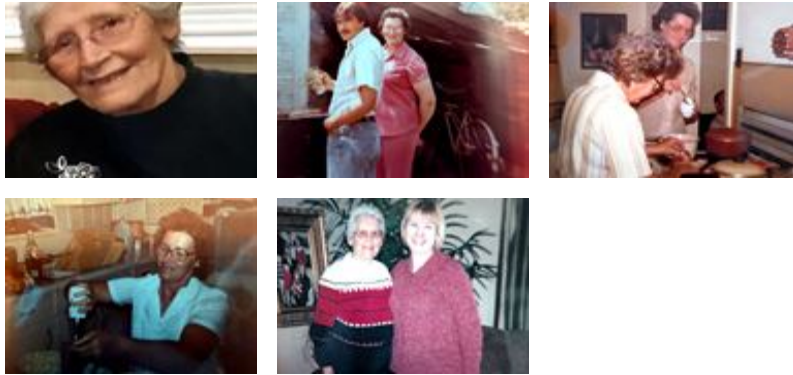
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“ I worked with Vada when she lived at Culpepper/Morningside as the activities coordinator. I thought the world of her. She was such a warm, kind, and loving person to talk to and visit with her everyday. I and many others, thought of it as a blessing knowing her.

Gaylon Tyner - May 18 at 01:57 PM



“ 102 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bryan Funeral Home - May 18 at 01:48 PM

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“ The Pratt Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vada Ruth Smith.



The Pratt Family - May 17 at 03:01 PM

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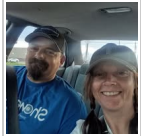
“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Mark Fowler - May 17 at 11:14 AM



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

May 17 at 11:09 AM



“ Best known as Grandma Vada. Love this lady and she will be missed. Love you Aunt Denise and all other family members.

Charlotte Tinker - May 16 at 08:51 AM



“ Ms. Vada was such a precious lady, always had a smile on her face. I loved caring for her at Lawrence Hall. I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time.
Christa Estes RN

Christa Estes - May 15 at 09:44 PM



“ Shari, Jon, Jack & Betsy Ballard purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vada Ruth Smith.



Shari, Jon, Jack & Betsy Ballard - May 15 at 08:25 PM