



Mary Lou Smith

January 29, 1946 - November 14, 2025

Mary Lou Smith 79 of Bald Knob went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 14, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born January 29, 1946 in Searcy, a daughter of the late Charles Nash Nichols and Lou Ella (Wheeler) Nichols. Known affectionately as Mary Lou or Mimi, she was the epitome of what it meant to be a mother and a servant to others. She dedicated her life to helping, nurturing, and caring for people and her town. A true patriot of the Bald Knob community, she poured herself into making her little town a better place to live. Mary Lou served on the Bald Knob City Council for several terms and was instrumental in the development and construction of the first baseball park. She was passionate about the children of the area and played a very active part in the Bald Knob Youth Program, Pee-Wee cheer and served in the Civic Club the Jaycett's. The Holiday Lane of Lights was another community effort she was deeply involved with. Her work with the organization helped to bring Christmas cheer

and togetherness to Bald Knob.

In more recent years, Mary Lou, and other community members, took a stance on the aesthetic betterment of Bald Knob by serving on the Beautification Committee. She was instrumental in the cleaning and clearing of many vacant lots and the disposal of numerous abandoned structures.

Mary Lou worked for several years at General Industries in Bald Knob served as a court clerk and notary public, and was also a real estate agent. She made many lifelong connections and friends along the way. She was also a very gifted seamstress and enjoyed sharing her talent by sewing for others.

Her present smile was infectious and an encounter with Mary Lou was sure to begin with her legendary hug and a kiss on the cheek. Her love of people was evident in everything she did.

She was a member of the New Beginnings Community Church in Bald Knob, she enjoyed being outdoors whether fishing or tending to her roses and other plants, and spending every moment she could with her children and grandchildren.

In her earlier years, her weekends were spent at the softball field playing and coaching.

She is survived by her children, Sherrie Barrentine and husband, Malcolm,

Darren Miller and wife, Becky and Angela Smith and husband Mitch, her grandchildren, Brandy Stake and her husband Steve, Brandon Barrentine and wife Tiffany, and Anna Davis; great-grandchildren, Bralee and Clara Barrentine and Syllas and Myla Stake; her niece, Sandra Piker and a half brother, Paul Nichols.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kynith Smith; her children's father, Eugene Miller, and a sister, Charlcie Long Tuggle, who she often referred to as her soulmate.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dennis Pearrow and Bro. Wesley Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in the Steward Addition of Shady Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to

Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the

Bald Knob Youth Program for renovations of the Wilcox Brothers Sports Complex. P.O. 1119
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Cemetery Details

Steward Addition of Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010
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Funeral Service

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Interment

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Mary Lou Smith



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 17, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Smith



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 16, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DM

*Such a sweet lady , she was always so kind to me
Rip. Sorry for your loss*

Debbie Miller - November 16, 2025 at 07:41 PM

TH

“ I remember the first time I met your mom.... instant family! My dad, Tom Nichols, always had a special place in his heart for Mary Lou, and my mom always enjoyed visiting with her. I just remember she was always genuinely kind, funny, and enjoyable to be around.... I know she will be terribly missed! Y'all are in my heart and prayers!

Tracey Hines and family

Tracey Nichols Hines - November 17, 2025 at 08:52 AM

AS

Thank you so much. She loved all her Nichols family.

Angela Smith - November 17, 2025 at 07:19 PM

CJ

“ *Connie Burrow Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smith*



Connie Burrow Johnston - November 17, 2025 at 08:04 AM

MH

“ *Praying for comfort and sending my love to you all.*



Madison Cobb Hughes - November 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM

MD

“ *My sincere condolences to all of you. You are such a sweet family. It is so sad when such a dear loved one passes. Prayers for comfort for you all.*



Margaret Davis - November 16, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DR

“ *Debbie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Smith.*

Debbie R. - November 16, 2025 at 04:49 PM

PL

“ *Pam Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smith*



Pam Lunsford - November 16, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TB

“ *Sheerie I'm so sorry for your loss families loss. I have a lot of memories of your mom from when we were growing up. She was a great lady.*

Teresa Batchelder - November 16, 2025 at 12:08 PM

PD

“ *Peggy Defoure lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smith*



Peggy Defoure - November 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM

MJ

“ *MikeAndConnie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smith*



MikeAndConnie Johnston - November 16, 2025 at 10:52 AM

BO

“ *Sherry, Darren and Angie.....It has been awhile since I saw your mom but she still had her infectious laugh and that big smile. Dad always loved her and talked about how he enjoyed visiting with her. I have y'all in my prayers because I cannot make it to the service. I love you all*

Bonnie - November 16, 2025 at 05:42 AM

RR

“ *I met Mary Lou many years ago at the ball field coaching and umpiring event played some softball with her she was one of a kind I will never forget her my prayers go out to Sherrie,Darren,and Angela i*

Ronald Reagan - November 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

KM

“ *Kevin Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Smith*



Kevin Miller - November 15, 2025 at 07:31 PM