



Audie Byron Smith

December 18, 1943 - September 5, 2020

Barbara Smith (Bobbie), 75, from Apopka, passed away on August 7, 2020. She was followed in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, Audie Byron Smith, 76, a Tallahassee native, who passed away September 5, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Daisy Jeter. He was the son of the late Audie and Adelaide Smith and the brother of the late Virginia Smith Johnson. They were active members of Bradfordville First Baptist Church and were former staff members of First Baptist Church Tallahassee and Killlearn United Methodist Church.

Bobbie graduated from Apopka High School and Byron graduated from Leon High School. They both attended Florida State University where they received Bachelors Degrees in Music Education. Byron went on to complete both his Masters and Doctorate degrees at FSU. They both retired from the Leon County School district where they served at Rickards and primarily Lincoln High School for four decades. They also mentored numerous FSU music education students who interned in their programs. Even in retirement they volunteered at Deerlake Middle School where their grandchildren were in chorus. They also devoted countless hours to the Florida Vocal Association (FVA) and Florida Music Education Association (FMEA). As highly respected music educators, they received many awards and commendations including the top honors of: FMEA Hall of Fame (2010, Byron); FVA Hall of Fame (2012, Byron); FVA Roll of Distinction (2012, Bobbie); Leon County Schools Outstanding Senior Volunteer (2018, Bobbie).

They are survived by their sons: Kevin, wife Valerie and children Cooper and Colby Ann; and Chris, wife Tammy and children Abbie and Christy. They are survived by their siblings: Margaret Smith Welch and Randy Jeter.

A visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, September 19th between 4pm -7pm at Bradfordville First Baptist Church, Tallahassee. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, September 20th at 3pm at Bradfordville First Baptist Church – seating will be limited and the service will be streamed at the church website, Bradfordville.org. A private family graveside will follow the service.

***Due to Covid-19, in person seating at the service is limited. You must sign up individually via this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48a8a722a64-funeral>

If the sign up is full, please join via live-stream.***

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Bradfordville First Baptist Church, Florida Music Education Association, and Big Bend Hospice. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Smith family with their arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Previous Events

The family will receive friends

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bradfordville First Baptist Church
6524 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was so lucky to be apart of the continental singers at Lincoln High School. They really believed in us.

ApChris Reynolds - January 23, 2024 at 06:55 PM

KH

“ A lighthouse in the crazy world of high school that helped me find myself through music and belief and me. Doc and Bobbie have left an indelible mark in my life and everytime I sing I think of them. My condolences to the great Smith family. Lincoln class of 94.

Kwazi Hunt - September 19, 2020 at 06:13 PM

KS

“ It takes a special couple to have such an outpouring of love - both during your lifetime and long after you've left us. I think of my choral days fondly and have made lasting friendships because of it. Much love to Dr. and Mrs. Smith - that's still how I think of you in my HS brain. - but Doc and Bobbie were incredibly special people and we are all better because of it.
Thoughts and love and deepest condolences to the entire Smith clan.



Kara Tate Schilling - September 19, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Audie Byron Smith.*



September 18, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Audie Byron Smith.*



September 16, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bevis Funeral Home - September 16, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sending love, comfort, peace and blessings to all the family.*

fran Collins - September 15, 2020 at 08:36 PM

GW

“ I knew Byron mainly from his directing the choir and orchestra at KUMC. I did get to know him a little better on the trip we shared out West. Bobbie I knew a lot better. I have heard so many things about the two of them mentoring so many young people. I was one of many that shared (at different times) Bobbie’s dining room table on Sunday evenings for a better part of a year. Bobbie taught and tried to equip us with the skills to be Stephen Ministers. It was about 9 months of classes for 2-3 hours. It was a commitment that she made which no family times on Sunday evenings as a rule. There is no way to calculate the number of lives that were touched in a Christian way because of Bobbie and her teachings. I am so sorry for your loss

Gina Whitfield - September 13, 2020 at 05:20 PM

LW

“ Love Danny and Linda Welch purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Audie Byron Smith.



Love Danny and Linda Welch - September 09, 2020 at 08:53 PM