



## Ms. Karen Sue Smith

December 31, 1962 - January 10, 2019

Duffield, Virginia

Karen Sue Smith 56, passed into the arms of her heavenly father on Thursday (Jan 10, 2019).

She was the daughter of the Late, Clyde and Opal Smith. Her late paternal grandparents Henderson and Jean Smith, and maternal grandparents Mary Belle Clark and Johnny all of Big Stone Gap.

Karen Graduated high school from Dryden High, she was the Valedictorian. She then went to Clinch Valley where she obtained her bachelors degree, in Education. She was also Valedictorian at Clinch Valley. She taught Sunday school at New Hope Assembly church for 35 years. She was a devoted member, at New Hope Assembly. She worked for MSHA; Mine safety and health administration , in Norton Virginia. She was an office assistant for the ventilation division. She was also involved in children's ministries, and sponsored children in Belize. She had a wonderful soul, and will be sorely missed by her work family, her church family, and all her relatives.

She is survived by; brother Gerald and wife Judy of Big Stone Gap, Patricia Akers of Crackers Neck, nephews; David Smith of St. Paul VA, Micheal Smith of North Pale AK, Richard Akers of Big Stone Gap, niece Crystal Stafford of Duffield, great nephews Ezra and Jase Stafford of Duffield, aunts Nadine and Wayne Maness, Joyce Purvis all of Big Stone Gap, uncle Jack of Weber City, best friend Janet Jones of Big Stone Gap. The family wishes to convey their appreciation to Pastor Rick Whitten and Mary Ellen, for all of their loving care and kindness, shown to Karen throughout her life.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, Jan. 13, at Holding Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00. The funeral service will be conducted following in the funeral home chapel with pastor Rick Whitten officiating. Special Music will be provided by Glimpse of Grace. Graveside services will be held on Monday, Jan 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. Those Wishing to attend the graveside are asked to meet at the funeral home by 1:30 to go in procession to the cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

You may go online to view the obituary, leave the family a condolence or sign the guest registry at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com) Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Karen Sue Smith.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

JAN 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Committal Service

JAN 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens  
5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Karen Sue Smith*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I met Karen about 8 years ago when we both started the International Institute of Mentoring in Cleveland, TN. I am originally from VA and it was funny that we lived an hour away from each other and met in TN! I have many favorite memories of Karen, her and I laughing our heads off at almost nothing, taking a trip to Daytona Beach to visit our friend Julia, and most of all the times when she would come to visit my home in TN and spent time together whether in church or just hanging out. She was on fire for Jesus in every single way, and I cant help but know and feel in my heart that she knew heaven was just around the corner. I am so sad that shes not here with us any more, I will miss her contagious smile and her zeal for Jesus; but I am so glad that she isn't suffering any more and is dancing with the angels and with Jesus - will hold her close to my heart forever, but will definitely see her again when Jesus calls us all away! UNTIL THEN MY FRIEND.... UNTIL THEN! <3*

*Miss Terri Cox*

**Terri Cox** - January 12, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Karen was a kind person with a big heart for children. She will truly be missed by her church family. Prayers for comfort for her family.*

**Dora Lynn Garrison** - January 12, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Karen had a huge heart, was witty, funny and smart. She was always patient and kind while training me. She loved children and animals and gave so much to both. When she moved to another department she still came down the hall to talk and make me laugh. You did so much good here on Earth and I know you are an angel in heaven now. You will be missed.*

**Jackie Scott** - January 12, 2019 at 11:15 AM

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“ *My sweetest friend, I will miss you so much. Heaven has a new angel.*



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**Eva Yeary** - January 11, 2019 at 10:12 AM