



Ruby Smith

December 17, 1926 - January 4, 2026

Ruby Lee Smith, 99, of Chattanooga, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, in a local healthcare facility. She was formerly a seamstress in the textile industry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph D. Smith, I; son, Joseph D. Smith, II; daughters, Barbara Walker and Brenda Kincaid; father, Richard Thurman, Sr.; mother, Lillie B. Thurman; sisters, Magnolia Nesbitt, Sara Boyd, and Annie M. Hill.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Leslie Walker, Bryant Smith, and Andrea Moore, all of Philadelphia, PA; brother, Richard (Wanda) Thurman, Jr. of Chattanooga; a host of great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and friends.

Graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens with Brother John R. Taylor, Sr. giving the words of comfort.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN **13**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Graveside

JAN **13**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *RIP SWEET RUBY YOU LIVED ALIVING BLESSED LIFE*

Pat Jones - January 17 at 03:11 AM

JA

“ *Jerry A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ruby Smith.*

Jerry A. - January 17 at 02:30 AM

J

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of my Aunt Ruby that I can't fit them all here. The ones that stand out most were those late-night Pokeno games. Aunt Ruby, my grandmother and grandfather, would sit around Aunt Ruby's kitchen table playing until my grandfather won all of his pennies back. He never quit until he won; lots of late nights!*

Aunt Ruby always took the time to listen and gave you real feedback. I spent an equal amount of time at Aunt Ruby's home as I did at my grandmother's home, as she and her two sisters shared the same block in North Philadelphia. This is how I learned the value of sibling love. As I grew up, I watched them, always together, supporting one another.

I am so grateful for the time we had together, and I find comfort in knowing that Aunt Ruby spent her final years where she wanted to be—close to her brother, my Great Uncle June.

Jerry Akins - January 17 at 02:27 AM



“ *My phone is memory was her smile her smile
can light up the room*



Bryant Smith - January 11 at 02:06 PM

AE

“ *Andrea E. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby Smith.*

Andrea E. - January 09 at 10:16 PM

LW

“ *Leslie W. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ruby Smith.*

Leslie W. - January 09 at 09:58 PM

R

“ *CARIS HEALTHCARE CHATTANOOGA
OFFICE*



Rosalyn Smedley Dodson - January 05 at 03:10 PM