



## Iona Smith

December 30, 1935 - January 14, 2017

Iona was born on December 30, 1935 in Winnsboro, LA. She passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Iona and her husband, Lee Smith, Jr., celebrated 42 years of marriage. She was a loving, devoted, dedicated wife and mother to their three children, Regina Lynn, Sonja and Ivan.

Iona was a graduate of Carroll High School in 1954. She is a graduate of Southern University and the University of Arizona. Iona was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and dedicated member of First Baptist Church in Monroe, LA.

Iona's life long career as a guidance counselor was a journey of faith and excellence. She began her career as a fourth grade teacher at Swayze Elementary in Monroe where she taught for nine years. Iona moved to Tucson, Arizona where she earned her master's degree and became a guidance counselor. She moved back to Monroe and became the guidance counselor at West Monroe Jr. High for five years. She once again moved back to Tucson and served as the Dean of Students at the University of Arizona. Upon her return to Monroe she was employed as a guidance counselor in the Ouachita Parish School System from 1978 – 1994.

After retiring, Iona never lost her desire to learn or work. She continued her educational studies in computer literacy and volunteered for various organizations. Neighbors and friends knew Iona was just a phone call away to help anyone in the community in need of assistance. Her last volunteer work was done at Swayze Elementary in the library in the spring of 2016.

Iona is preceded in death by her parents: Atren and Lewis Kent, Buford. and Pat Ervin, Sr, one sister Jeraline Mayfield, her husband, Lee Smith, Jr. and her son, Ivan Wayne Smith. She leaves to cherish her memory two loving and devoted daughters, Regina Lynn (Noel) Haynes and Sonja (Brian) Schaffer, four grandchildren, Leon (Randy) and Tiffaney Schaffer, Noel Mikki Schaffer, Tyara Smith and Noel Haynes, II. Three great-grandchildren, Ivy Hope Schaffer, Tyce Emmanuel Schaffer and Tristan Wayne Smith. She also leaves two sisters, Greta and JoAnn Ervin and two brothers, Buford and Curtis Ervin, all of California and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Richwood Memorial Gardens

2705 Richwood Rd. #2  
Monroe, LA 71202

# Previous Events

## Omega Omega Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Monroe  
201 St John St  
Monroe, LA 71201  
(318) 325-3126

# Tribute Wall



“ *Iona Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 03:35 AM



“ *Iona Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 02:22 AM



“ *Hi Sonja, words cannot express my sorrow for your loss. Your mother was very patient & helpful to Mr. John Smith and Staff of MCS Adult & Vocational Education Program, when we were located at the Sherrouse Academic Center. Mrs. Iona always had a beautiful smile and shared a kind word with us each day. Everyone enjoyed working with her.*

*Please know that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal; the comfort is knowing that your mother is with an Awesome God.*

*My Deepest Sympathy to You & Your Family,  
Gloria Harris Hunter, Secretary  
MCS Transportation Dept.*

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**Gloria Jean Hunter** - January 20, 2017 at 01:23 PM

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“ *Sonja,Lynn & family, I'm so sorry to hear of Mrs.lona's passing, I'll be praying for your family during this time. She was such a sweet lady & I feel like I'm a better person for having known her all these years! She will be missed, but I know she's rejoicing in heaven with her husband & son & all the family & friends gone before her. My thoughts & prayers are with y'all during this time.*

*Steve Powell*

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**Steve Powell** - January 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM

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“ *We offer our sincere condolences to Sister Lynn Haynes and family for the passing of her dearly beloved mother, Mrs. Iona Smith, whom was a frequent visitor of our church, Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist, Scotlandville, LA.*



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**e. louis porter** - January 19, 2017 at 12:38 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Iona Smith.*



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January 18, 2017 at 05:40 PM