



## Anna "LaWanda" Smoot

February 22, 1931 - March 24, 2017

Anna "LaWanda" Smoot of St. James, Missouri passed away Friday, March 24, 2017 peacefully at her daughter's home surrounded by her family. Anna LaWanda Huddleston was born on February 22, 1931 in Rover, Missouri to the late Ray and Clara (Young) Huddleston.

On August 8, 1953 Miss Anna LaWanda Huddleston took the hand of Mr. Jack Smoot. This union was blessed with two children.

LaWanda graduated from college with a Masters Degree in Elementary Education. She taught for 30 years in several school districts including the St. James School District. LaWanda started singing in the Rover Baptist Church Choir when she was two. She played piano at the the First Baptist Church in St. James for over 20 years, and was currently a member of the Church of God in St. James. LaWanda was especially devoted to her family and friends. She had a passion for music, gardening, antiquing, and the St. Louis Cardinals. She was a longtime member of the St. James Garden Club.

LaWanda is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jack, of the home; children, Bill Smoot, of St. James, MO, and Patti Smoot, of Chesterfield, MO; sisters, Mary Lou James and husband Eugene, West Plains, MO, Joyce VonAllmen and husband Leowen, of Koshkonong, MO, and Dorothy Barton and husband Gary, of Alton, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brothers, Dale and Bobby Huddleston; brothers-in-law, Robert Gene Smoot, and Gerald

Pennycuick; sisters-in-law, Betty Ann Smoot, and Nadine Huddleston.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Church of God in St. James, Missouri with Pastor Don Carson officiating. Providing the music selections will be Debbie Morton, Jamie Conkling, Dorothy Barton, and Patti Smoot. Internment will be in Pomona, Missouri at the Howell Memorial Park with Scott Gahr, Lyndon Carson, Don Hughes, Larry Williams, Terry VonAllmen, and David Dale Huddleston serving as pallbearers, and Larry Craft, Hudson Conkling, Stanley Dillon, Bruce Parton, David Seal, Dwight McNeil, Mark Allison, Jeff Jones, Gomer Hancock, and Tim Schnook serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary from 4-7PM. Memorials are suggested in lieu of flowers to the St. James High School Music Department, or to St. James Garden Club. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

## Howell Memorial Park

5604 US Highway 63  
Pomona, MO 65789

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
117 Seymour St.  
St. James, MO 65559  
(573) 265-3232  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

MAR **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of God  
S. James, MO 65559

# Tribute Wall



“ Anna "LaWanda" Smoot

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ Anna "LaWanda" Smoot

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Mrs. LaWanda was our grandmother (not biological) and our family spent more time her than our actual grandparents. She cared deeply for everyone and did her best each day to be kind to others. I have never heard her say one bad thing about anyone ever. She was so kind and loving to Jack, Patty, Bill & his wife, and others in the community. She is missed greatly.

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**reagan conkling** - November 25, 2018 at 10:50 PM

MS

“ La Wanda was a friend of mine for over 50 years. When I met her in St. James, I was a fairly new teacher, a newlywed, and it was my first time away from home in Texas. Because of LaWanda and a few others, I was not homesick very long and became a part of her family and the St. James community.....how blessed I was to have known and shared my life with this gracious, lovely lady over all these years..... we had many laughs as well as tears over the years , and my life was truly enriched from knowing her .She loved her family, her neighbors and above all, God. I am confident that she will have a front row seat this Easter as the Christian world celebrates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus....what a blessing!

Mary Ann Shaw  
Corpus Christi, Texas

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**Mary Ann Shaw** - April 01, 2017 at 04:42 PM

MM

“ LaWanda was a beautiful, Godly, kind friend that will be greatly missed. May the family feel the peace and comfort that only comes from God.

Ed and Mary Ann McDonald

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**Mary Ann McDonald** - March 30, 2017 at 11:34 AM

GH

“ God Bless You - Gertrud Hale purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



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**God Bless You - Gertrud Hale** - March 29, 2017 at 07:22 PM

MM

“ Mega Motorsports purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



Mega Motorsports - March 29, 2017 at 06:25 PM

DH

“ Donna Haeberle lit a candle in memory of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot



Donna Haeberle - March 29, 2017 at 12:32 PM

TM

So sorry to hear of Wanda Smoot passing. Our deepest sympathy are with Jack and the children. You are in our thoughts and prayer during this time of grief and will continue during your time of healing.

Tom & Marilyn Mounce  
460 East Hwy 8  
Steelville Mo 65565

Tom @ Marilyn Mounce - March 30, 2017 at 12:56 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



March 29, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



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March 29, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



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March 29, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Anna "LaWanda" Smoot.



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March 29, 2017 at 09:57 AM