



Nina Fern Sanson-Smith

June 23, 1932 - September 27, 2020

Following a long illness, Nina Fern Sanson-Smith, 88, a lifelong resident of St. Albans, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, September 27, 2020.

Nina was a graduate of St. Albans High School, Class of 1951 where she was a cheerleader and Miss Red Dragon. Nina cherished her classmates and her memories of those special years. She always enjoyed and looked forward to the Class Reunions of SAHS – Class of 1951. Nina was also retired from Kanawha County Schools after twenty years of faithful service where she was a cook at Central Elementary School here in St. Albans. Besides doting on her husband, children, and grandchildren, Nina's favorite pastime was cooking for her family and friend's. Her specialty was bread-making and of course, the infamous "school rolls." Pepperoni rolls and cinnamon rolls were pretty well-known as well! There was nothing that made her happier than family and friends around her table. She dearly loved cooking and it truly was her expertise.

Nina is survived by three children. Son, Gregory J. (Joe) Smith (Donna), and daughters, Gina Smith-Stepp and Susan (Rodney) all of St. Albans. She is also survived by two grandsons whom she adored, Michael Joe (Meagan) of St. Albans and Steven Lee (Michelle) of Cary, North Carolina. In addition she had two great-grandchildren, Mila Jo and Jonah, who were the absolute lights of her life. Nina is also survived by five nieces and five nephews and a host of great nieces and great nephews, as well.

Nina was preceded in death by her loving husband of 69 years, Billy Joe (B.J.) Smith, as well as her parents, Albert E. Sanson and Margie Ellen McCallister-Sanson. Six siblings also preceded her in death. Sister's: Reba Mae Goode and Verba Marie Waldorf. Brother's: A. Clarence, James Clay, Harold Ruffner and Edgar Ross Sanson.

The family wishes to thank her "Earth Angels" Debra Roberts and Jennifer Russell-Waddell who were the absolute Hands and Feet of the Good Lord, and also, Hospice Nurse Brittani Lynch, who displayed such loving care and dedication. In addition, Hospice is greatly appreciated for their guidance, expertise and care.

A funeral service will be held Friday, October 2, 2020 at 3PM in the breezeway of The Heavenly Gates Mausoleum. The Rev. Jack Russell will officiate. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is requested that masks be worn if attending. There will be no public visitation. Please know this was a difficult decision for our family to make.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in Nina's name to The Green Valley Church of God at 518 Green Valley Drive, St. Albans, WV 25177 or Hospice Care at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard West, Charleston, WV 25387.

You may visit Nina's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Smith family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel
815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Tribute Wall

SL

“ Prayers for comfort and strength for all the family

Steve Lykins - October 02, 2020 at 02:37 PM

EH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Nina's passing. I remember Mom taking Kim and me to visit you guys when we were young, and how she was always smiling and laughing. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Prayers to you and your family.
Eric Hull

Eric Hull - October 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM

FM

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Our thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. Frank and Cindy Montague

Frank and Cindy Montague - October 01, 2020 at 03:11 PM

KE

“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - October 01, 2020 at 03:08 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Nina's passing. Knowing her all my life and growing up with Gina, Joey, and Susan, she was more family than friend. I always loved anything she baked or cooked and she always had a big smile for everyone. She was such a sweet soul. All my love and prayers go out to the family that their hearts may find peace at her passing. She is with BJ now and is rejoicing with the Lord. Find peace in that knowledge. Love to all.

Pam Brown Harper - October 01, 2020 at 12:49 PM

CL

“ Oh my dear sweet Nina. I cherish our special friendship. To her children I'm sorry for the loss you are going through. Nina is now with Dad. Her face is glowing I'm sure. I love your mother and I thank God for bringing her into my life.

Charlotte lacy - October 01, 2020 at 12:43 PM

RT

“ So very sorry for your loss.
Rosella

Rosella trail - October 01, 2020 at 10:40 AM

JH

“ Joe, sorry to of your mothers passing, your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jerry Henson - October 01, 2020 at 05:52 AM

JP

“ Thoughts and Prayers!
Jim & Debbie Perry

Jim Perry - September 30, 2020 at 07:22 PM