



Doris Smitherman

April 25, 1926 - September 27, 2020

Doris Smitherman age 94, of Halfway, Missouri went to be with the Lord on Sunday morning September 27, 2020. She passed away at the Citizen's Memorial Health Care Facility in Bolivar, MO. Doris was born April 25, 1926 in Willow Springs, MO. to Elizabeth Jane and Fidella Gardner.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, parents-in-law, husbands; Olavi Herbert Niemi, Walter V. Phillips, and Hallie E. Smitherman, her oldest son; Kenneth E. Niemi, five sisters, three step-sisters, three brothers, one step-brother, two brothers-in-law, and one step-son. She is survived by her son Les E. Niemi and wife Yoko, Doris' daughter-in-law whom she treated like a daughter and referred to her as "My Girl", step-son; Larry Henderson, step-daughters, Bettie Hatcher, Willa Phillips, Twila Powers, Deloris Clark and husband Jim, brother; Hugh Jim Gardner and wife Matilda, eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, a special niece and Nurse; Stephany who helped her and treated her like a Mother, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Doris Loved God and She Loved her Family. She was a Christian and a Charter member of the Crossroads (now Legacy) Baptist Church in Buffalo, MO. She was known to many as the "Flower Lady" and later, as the "Card Lady." She loved growing flowers and plants and giving starts of them away to family and friends. She also enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, woodworking, making crafts, fishing, singing, playing the organ, playing cards, and completing word find puzzles, among many other interests. Her passion

in later years, and something that she excelled in, was making inspirational picture cards using Bible verses, and photos she had taken on her travels. She made around 200 cards each month, as well as the envelopes. Each one was hand-addressed to relatives and friends across the nation. She took great pride in making, personalizing, and mailing out her original cards and envelopes each month. It was only one of her many unique ways, she reached out to touch and brighten the lives of hundreds of people to let them know that they had someone who cared. Her caring nature and desire to help others, was also reflected in her profession as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She retired as an LPN from Mercy Villa Nursing Home in Springfield, MO. in 1981. She had lived in Springfield for many years, prior to moving to Halfway, MO.

Doris was a Wonderful, Loving, Caring Mother, teacher, mentor, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt neighbor and last but certainly not least, "Friend." She will be greatly missed by all who knew and Loved her. May She rest in peace.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2020 in the Legacy Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday in the Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Memory

1510 N. Ash Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo
931 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 993
Buffalo, MO 65622
(417) 345-2211
info@cantlonotterness.com
<https://www.cantlonotterness.com>

Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Legacy Baptist Church
1935 South Ash Street
Buffalo, MO 65622

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Smitherman*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Doris Smitherman*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Doris Smitherman*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Doris Smitherman*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Doris Smitherman*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *A truly remarkable lady who brightened many peoples day including my Mom (Fern Miller) then me after Mom passed away. I would love to give my condolences in person, but life has me scheduled otherwise. My love and prayers to all the family, Gala Miller, JC, Mo*

Gala Miller - October 01, 2020 at 01:14 PM

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“ I also remember getting cards and a bible verse in the mail rest in peace Aunte Doris

Arnold Hansen - September 30, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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“ I loved getting her cards, they always seemed to say the right things for that day when you needed a word of encouragement or just a blessing from the Bible verses she would send in them, I will greatly miss them .

She loved flowers and was so knowledgeable about them. I could ask her about any plant or flower I wanted to put in my own garden and she could always give me information about it and weather it would work for me or not , and I was blessed to get many starter plants from her.

She loved books and poems and so many times quoted them from memory for us I loved that.

She loved the Lord and was ever ready to share him with others . I have so many beautiful memories of her she was an amazing woman.

She will be greatly missed.

Karen Layton, Niece

karen Layton - September 30, 2020 at 08:05 PM

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“ Hugh James Hansen, Mary John, Maria, Alisa, & John purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Doris Smitherman.



Hugh James Hansen, Mary John, Maria, Alisa, & John -
September 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doris Smitherman.*



September 29, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Mary Hansen Hodnett & Beth Spiers purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Doris Smitherman.*



Mary Hansen Hodnett & Beth Spiers - September 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Grandma Doris was such a truly caring person and an inspiration to all whose lives she touched. I always looked forward to her special cards arriving in my mailbox and getting to visit with her on our trips back to Missouri. May she be in peace.*
-grandson, Jason Powers, Green Valley, AZ

Jason Powers - September 29, 2020 at 08:02 AM