



## Ellen Baker Smith

December 8, 1929 - August 23, 2021

Ellen Baker Smith, 91, of Damascus, VA passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021 at English Meadows in Abingdon, VA. She was born on December 8, 1929, a daughter of the late David Baker and Addie Baker Fenner and her stepfather, Arthur Fenner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Smith; a son, Robert "Bobby" Smith; and five brothers, Roy Baker, Bill Baker, Jim Baker, Jones Baker, and Lloyd Baker.

She was a life long resident of Washington County, VA and was a bookkeeper for Washington County School Systems for over 35 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Damascus Senior Citizens and the First Baptist Church.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are a son, Samuel B. Smith (Kathy), of Meadowview, VA; one brother, John Baker; four grandchildren, Melissa Minton (Aaron), Matthew Smith (Rachel Bish), David Smith (Shauna), and Eric Smith (Amanda); and several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The family would like to express a special thank you to English Meadows and their staff and also Caris Healthcare for all the love and care shown to Ellen.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 am Thursday, August 26, 2021, at the graveside at Sunset Memorial Park in Damascus, VA, with Pastor Mark Hill officiating. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Smith requested that donations be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 993, Damascus, VA 24236. Condolences for the family may be sent and viewed by visiting <http://www.garrettfuneralhome.com>. Mrs. Smith and family are in the care of Garrett Funeral Home, 203 N. Shady Ave., Damascus, VA 24236; ph.#: (276) 475-3631.

# Cemetery

**Sunset Memorial Park**  
21674 Monroe Road  
Damascus, VA, 24236

# Events

<b>AUG</b>	<b>Graveside Service</b>	11:00AM
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	Sunset Memorial Park	
	21674 Monroe Road, Damascus, VA, US, 24236	

# Comments

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“ May the lord be with you and keep you Joanie Davis

Joanie Davis - September 14, 2021 at 11:11 AM

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“ For as long as can remember Aunt Ellen has been in my life, maybe not physically since I didn't see her that often as an adult but in pictures and stories that my Mom has told. She graduated with my Dad, Buddy Vestal. He often said that he would not have passed math had it not been for Aunt Ellen, she always seemed surprised by that but later I learned that it was her encouragement to my Dad and to other students. I remember her when Uncle Robert was so sick and then raising two boys by herself. She was a strong woman. My Mom loved talking to her on the phone and has greatly missed that. She remembers Aunt Ellen as a teenager and said that she always looked so pretty.

The last time I saw her I told her that I believe that she had grown a couple of inches (she was always so petite), she laughed at that.

I'll always have happy memories of Aunt Ellen, playing in her yard, rolling down her bank. Her house was always so spotless, when I remarked how pretty her floors were, she proudly told me that my grandfather had sanded and stained them years ago.

Love you, Aunt Ellen.

Joan Sells - August 26, 2021 at 08:11 AM

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“ Sam and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. Smith was like a part of our family for so many years. I know she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

GinaCox Hensberger - August 25, 2021 at 11:22 PM

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“ sam kathy eric david and family i am so sorry for your loss mom and ellen were such good friends and travel buddies over the years they had a lot of good times together i know you will miss her tremendously may GOD comfort and guide you thru these sad times



**Debbie Lowe Reed** - August 25, 2021 at 07:27 PM

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“ Sam and family,  
Saddened to learn of the death of Ellen Smith. Ellen was the bookkeeper at Holston High School when I began my teaching career there in 1972, and she was still there when I left in 1989. In fact, she faithfully served the Washington County Schools for 35 years. Her bookkeeping skills were precise and correct...you could be sure of that. She was a kind, Christian woman. I m blessed to have crossed paths with her.  
Doug Arnold  
Abingdon, VA

**Doug Arnold** - August 25, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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“ Jean Magnuson lit a candle in memory of Ellen Baker Smith



**Jean Magnuson** - August 25, 2021 at 11:55 AM

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“ Sam, Kathy & all the family,  
We're so sorry for your loss. May our Lord bless & comfort you all now as only He  
can. with sympathy love & prayers,  
Kathy & Patrick

**Kathy Woodby** - August 25, 2021 at 10:55 AM

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“ Sheriff Blake Andis and the Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office  
would like to express their sympathy in the death of Ellen Smith. If our Sheriff's Office  
can be of assistance to you during your time of sadness, please do not hesitate to  
contact us.

Sheriff Andis and Members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office

**Sheriff Blake Andis** - August 25, 2021 at 09:25 AM

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“ Sam and family, sending prayers of peace and comfort for you and your families  
during this time of sorrow.

Rebecca M. Heath, and the Z.R. Heath family

**Rebecca M. Heath (Beckie)** - August 24, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ Judy Barker lit a candle in memory of Ellen Baker Smith



**Judy barker** - August 24, 2021 at 03:29 PM

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“ Caris Healthcare would like to offer their condolences and let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers.



**Caris Healthcare** - August 24, 2021 at 03:02 PM