



Mrs. Jo Ann Purcell Smith

May 23, 1939 - July 27, 2025

Jo Ann Purcell Smith age 86, of Rock Spring, Georgia passed away peacefully on July 27, 2025. Jo was born on May 23, 1939 in LaFayette, Georgia, to the late Romeo and Thelma Shaw Purcell. She worked with the Credit Bureau in Chattanooga, Tennessee for many years. Jo is preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Harold Smith. Harold was the focus of Jo's life and the two were seldom seen apart. She was his partner in work, as well as hobbies and projects around the house. For many years, their Rock Spring home was known for its dazzling Christmas lights display, with as many as 30,000 lights that they enjoyed putting up together. In their later years, they especially enjoyed grocery shopping and eating out. They enjoyed being members of Battlefield Parkway Church of the Nazarene for many years. Along with Harold and her parents, she is preceded in death by her sisters: Eddie Stanfield, Lisa Horton and brothers: Dickie and Tommy Purcell. Jo is survived by her special nieces and nephews who loved and cared for her: Skip (Angie) Purcell, Kim Richardson, Shawna (Randy) Williams, Keith (Chasity) Purcell, Chuck (Becky) Purcell, and Lindsay (Dan) Rose, as well as several great nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Thursday from 12 noon until 2:00 pm at the funeral home. A chapel service will follow at 2:00 pm – Thursday – July 31, 2025 in the chapel with Pastor Joe Brown officiating. Burial will follow in LaFayette Cemetery. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel, LaFayette, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

LaFayette City Cemetery

E. Villanow St.
LaFayette, GA 30728
(706) 639-1500

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel
1779 North Main Street
P.O. Box 1592
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Just now read this on here, we worked together at the Credit Bureau in Chatt., Tn, a great friend, so sorry I did not see this earlier...Martha Cates (Friend for a long time)..

Martha J Cates - August 04, 2025 at 02:53 PM

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“ It was a huge honor taking care of you mrs.Jo! I will always love you! Thank you for always being so kind to me and my husband, I'm so glad that you got to meet my daughter! I'll never forget the memories of you asking everyday how she was doing and asking about my family! To the family of mrs.Jo you all are in my prayers! You will forever be missed by us all! Rest easy sweet lady you will always be my favorite resident



alexis smith - August 02, 2025 at 11:22 PM

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“ Jo was a dear friend for many years. We enjoyed long talks, especially reminiscing about our childhood. I will miss her, but I will always remember our friendship. She was a special lady and is at rest now. Prayers for her family.
God bless
Jo Carmon

Nila Jo Carmon - July 30, 2025 at 01:37 PM