



## Leona Myrtle Smith

May 4, 1928 - March 19, 2024

Leona Smith passed away peacefully on March 19, 2024, in Odessa, Texas, at 95. Born on May 4, 1928, in Ellisville, Texas, to John and Celia Rinehart, Leona shared 75 years of love with her husband, Robert Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Celia Ann Taylor (Vaughny), and leaves behind a legacy of love in her grandchildren: Rebecca (Joni) Richardson (Jerry), Jill Taylor, and Malysa Ewing (Stephen), along with her great-grandchildren: Chaselyn, Taylor, and Jaden Richardson; Jeter, Deion, and Raymond Ewing; and one great-great-granddaughter, Chloe Bejarano, as well as many other cherished family members and friends.

Leona's life exemplified love and faith. She shared the message of hope, embracing everyone with open arms. Her devotion to her faith was unwavering, touching countless lives with encouragement and kindness. She was a longtime member of Vine Baptist Church.

Leona's life will be celebrated on March 23, 2024, at 10:00 AM at American Heritage Funeral Home, with Vaughny Taylor officiating. At the conclusion of the services, she will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Robert Smith, in American Heritage Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leona Myrtle Smith.*



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March 20, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ *Amber and Norman Smiley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leona Myrtle Smith.*

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**Amber and Norman Smiley** - March 20, 2024 at 11:03 AM