



## Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith

January 17, 1935 - September 4, 2025

Betty Jean Driskell Smith, 90, of Plant City, Florida, born on January 17, 1935, entered into eternal rest on September 4, 2025. Betty loved Jesus, faithfully following Him for nearly 8 decades. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Plant City. She was a proud 1952 graduate of Turkey Creek High School. For years, Betty enjoyed working and also volunteering at the Florida Strawberry Festival. She loved connecting with the staff and guests. As a Pink Lady at the old South Florida Baptist Hospital, she shared her heart of service & compassion. Her cooking skills opened doors for her to work in the Hillsboro Bank Coffee Vault which then led to her work as a bookkeeper. As a homemaker, she cared for family and numerous friends, sharing cake, cookies and food with many through the years. She affectionately became known as "Nanny" with the birth of her first grandchild in 1975. She enjoyed fishing, sewing, traveling & baking. She shared her love of gardening and flowers with many through the years. She was an avid fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide and loved to share a good 'ole ROLL TIDE!

She was preceded in death by husband, Jessie C. Smith; siblings, Wayne Driskell, Thomas Driskell, Jr., Carl Driskell, and Don Driskell; and parents, Thomas Driskell, Sr. and Nettie Dempsey Driskell. She is survived by children, Rickey Smith (Brenda) of Okeechobee, David Smith (Debbie) of Dover, Pam Rogers (Greg) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Wendy Parker (Kevin) of Baxley, Georgia, and Tom Driskell (Melissa) of Columbia, South Carolina; 17

grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Linda Sweat, and Gwen Gibson. Betty loved her Sunday School Class ladies in The Lydia Class and her Hunter Creek Retirement Community friends in the Villas. A funeral service will be held Friday, September 12 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L. Redman Pkwy, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Graveside committal to follow at Mt. Enon Cemetery, Plant City. The funeral service will be live streamed at <https://www.fbcpc.com/live/>. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Enon Cemetery

3702 North Frontage Road  
Plant City, FL 33565

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City  
3309 James L Redman Pkwy  
Plant City, FL 33566  
<http://fbcpc.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City  
3309 James L Redman Pkwy  
Plant City, FL 33566  
<http://fbcpc.com>

*The funeral service will be live streamed at <https://www.fbcpc.com/live/>.*

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Betty loved and was loved by her family. She was a godly woman who loved Jesus. I'm proud to be a part of the family as a cousin, and so blessed to have known her all these years. Rest a little Betty. I know there is still lots for you to do in a much better place. - Darryl Dempsey

Darryl Dempsey - September 12, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



September 11, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.

September 11, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



September 11, 2025 at 10:24 AM

FL

“ From Wade and Rose Lewis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



From Wade and Rose Lewis - September 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM

FL

“ From Wade and Rose Lewis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.

From Wade and Rose Lewis - September 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.

September 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



September 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Driskell, Duke, Jay and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*



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**Kathy Driskell, Duke, Jay and families** - September 10, 2025  
at 12:09 PM

JD

“ *Jay D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*

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**Jay D.** - September 10, 2025 at 11:57 AM

LM

“ *Larry & Shirley Harper, Brad & Meredith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*

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**Larry & Shirley Harper, Brad & Meredith** - September 09, 2025 at 07:04 PM

LM

“ *Larry & Shirley Harper, Brad & Meredith purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*



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**Larry & Shirley Harper, Brad & Meredith** - September 09, 2025  
at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.

September 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



September 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *The Knighten Family* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.



**The Knighten Family** - September 09, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Betty Smith* was a great person who touched so many lives, including mine. I will truly miss her. Sending prayers of comfort to the family.



**Bettye B Goodwine** - September 08, 2025 at 09:56 PM

TJ

“ *Tim & Sarah Jarriel purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*



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**Tim & Sarah Jarriel** - September 07, 2025 at 04:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.

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September 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Betty Jean Driskell Smith.*



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September 06, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DJ

“ *Prayers for the entire Smith family. May they rejoice in knowing that God has a new believer at his side.  
Dominic, Darlene, James, Deanna*

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**Dominic Michele Jr** - September 06, 2025 at 12:14 PM