



## Letitia Louise Smith

August 3, 1941 - May 8, 2022

On May 8, 2022, Letitia Louise Smith (Tish) passed from this earth to her eternal life in heaven. She had the privilege of living to the age of 80. She was born on August 3, 1942 to Tom Joyner and Amy Rutherford in Shawneetown, IL. Tish was an R.N. (labor and delivery) as well as family and neighborhood nurse, helping friends and family. She was a food connoisseur and critic, always rooted for the underdog, cherished her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and could jitterbug with the best. She was always up for a fun time. Her mother often said her middle name was “Go,” as she would go with you anytime, anywhere at the drop of a hat. She could sing beautifully and play the piano. She loved jazz and R & B. A favorite memory is her on the piano playing “In the Mood” with so much energy, lips pursed and tongue out. She loved a practical joke which is good as she was the recipient of so many from her brother, son and nephews. To know Tish was to have many funny stories about her. But most importantly, when you left her presence, you felt so loved and special. Left with many fond and colorful memories are her two children, Jill Goodyear (Jay) from Hudson, Ohio and Martin Chafin (Crystal) from Greeneville, TN, her four grandchildren, Olivia (Tony), Madelyn, Dillon (Ciara) and Ronald (Julia), as well as her four great-grandchildren. Also carrying her colorful memories are her three siblings, Benny Joe Rutherford (Annie), Brenda Wood (Steve), and Darla Martin (David). She was always “tickled pink” for any time spent with her many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Smith,

and survived by her former husband and friend, Tyrone Chafin. The family thanks Debbie, her neighbor, for all of her help in recent years. It gave us peace that you were there. We would love to have you join us in honoring and celebrating Tish on Monday, May 16, 2022. Visitation will be from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. with the service at 1:00 p.m. at Manes Funeral Home Chapel, Newport TN with Bro. Mike Hensley officiating. She will be interred in the Chafin Family Cemetery in Greene County, TN following the service. Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
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Newport, TN 37821  
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

**MAY 16.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Burial

**MAY 16** (ET)

Chafin Family Cemetery  
3100 West Allens Bridge Road  
Greeneville, TN 37743

# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Letitia Louise Smith*



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**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 14, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Letitia Louise Smith*

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November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Letitia and Linda were very good dancers, dancing the night away at Fosters and other places. Sometimes, their mothers bought matching shoes for them at the Illinois Brokerage store in Harrisburg. They had pairs of "modern'style" saddle oxford shoes that I admired one year in high school! At Letitia's home, across the street from the grade school (before they moved to the other house past Scherrer's), I learned to eat sliced peaches and saltine crackers together. Funny, the little things we all remember. Rest in Peace, Letitia. You were a special part of the Class of 1959.*

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**nancy mitchell vessell** - May 21, 2022 at 06:11 PM

MM

“ *Letitia and I were in the same class throughout grade and high school and we stayed in touch via class reunions, telephone calls and email. My last conversation with her was a few months ago and we laughed and visited and made plans to talk again. I miss her and offer my sympathy to all who loved her. I hope you find peace and comfort as she rests in eternal peace. Sincerely, Mary Jo Oldham Morgan*

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**Mary Jo Oldham Morgan** - May 21, 2022 at 02:07 PM

KF

“ *Tish was like no other person I have ever known. She was such a positive, kind person. There was a jovial atmosphere when she was around. She loved to laugh and was funny even when she didn't mean to be. I never heard her gossip and she could see the silver lining in every situation. She was always complimentary which I appreciated even when I didn't agree with her! I am sorry I couldn't be with my family today but you have been in my constant thoughts and prayers. All my love.*

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**Kay Fuller** - May 16, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Letitia Louise Smith.*



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May 15, 2022 at 01:23 PM

BP

“ I have so many fond memories of Tish. For many years we attended the same church, Eastside Grace Brethern, where we met in a small home group. Tish was a great bargain hunter and would be excited when she found a great deal. We enjoyed eating out together or just sitting and talking. She loved God and her family and friends. I was privileged to be one of her friends. I will miss you, my dear friend, and will see you in heaven when God calls me home.

Beverly Pack - May 15, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - May 14, 2022 at 01:23 PM

LO

“ Tish was more like a sister to me when we were growing up. When you saw one of us you would see the other. May she be in eternal peace.



Linda O'Neill - May 14, 2022 at 12:31 AM

DF

“ Tish you will be missed so much. I remember how we first became close friends. I was out on my back deck and saw smoke coming out your back door. I rushed over and was able to get you out of the house (you were half dressed (haha) and wanted to go back in for your purse) and of course I wouldn't let you so I wrapped my jacket around your butt (haha). Thank god you were safe. I loved cooking and sharing my meals with you and you were always so appreciative. I will miss our conversations. You are probably one of the most intelligent human beings I've ever meet. I will miss you so much. Rest in Peace my Friend I love you xoxo

deborah j ferry - May 13, 2022 at 10:34 AM

BW

One of my favorites quotes from Tish and which I use a lot is “I'm too tired to even wiggle.” 😂 Every time I say it I think of her. Every time something tastes delicious and is “the best I've ever had” I think of her. I agree with Deborah. She was one of the most intelligent people I ever knew.

Brenda Wood - May 13, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RS

I never had the privilege of meeting Letitia, but your description of her suggests she was a fun and beautiful lady. Condolences to all of her family and friends.

Ray Snader - May 14, 2022 at 10:17 AM

SP

One of the many favorites memories I have of Tish is when she would see me the first thing she would do is touch my face and tell me how soft my skin was. She made me, as well as everyone she met, feel special! She loved people and she loved life!!

Sharon Poshard

Sharon Poshard - May 16, 2022 at 01:27 PM