



Margret Proffitt Smith

February 25, 1922 - June 8, 2020

Margret Proffitt Smith, age 98, of Parrottsville passed away at her home Monday, June 8, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Jack C. Smith; parents Wallace and Edith Easterly Proffitt; brother Everette Proffitt; sister-in-law Millie Proffitt Dehn; and son-in-law Colonel John Lyles.

She is survived by her only child, Diane Smith Lyles-Bailey (Martin) of Parrottsville; granddaughters Lauren Lyles Rubac (Marvin) of Mansfield, TX and Ashley Lyles Mayou (Josh) of Round Rock, TX; great-grandchildren Abby Rubac Magin (Corey) of San Antonio, TX, Cole Rubac of Plainview, TX, Maggie Rubac of Mansfield, TX, Logan Mayou of Lubbock, TX, and Tyler Mayou of Cedar Park. Gommy as she was affectionately known by her grands and great-grands, acquired a second set of family members several years ago: Meredith Bailey Fawver and Dr. Travis Fawver, Bridgette, Mason, Benjamin, and James of Knoxville; Malerie Bailey Bloomquist and Robert Bloomquist, Landon, Allison, and Katelynn of West Palm Beach, FL; and Weston and Tessa Bailey, Truman and Kara of Newport; many of her former students whom she referred to as her “babies”; special friends Rita Cope and Janice Smith; and several cousins.

Margret was born in Del Rio, TN. She was schooled in Detroit, MI, and

returned to Parrottsville High School for her senior year. She attended Asheville Teachers College and East Tennessee State University. To begin her career in teaching, she taught in a one-room school called Harned's Chapel School for two years, where her students ranged from first to eighth grade. She then taught at Parrottsville Elementary from 1942 until 1984 when she retired. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1982. Margret was a member of the Cocke County Education Association, T.E.A., and enjoyed attending the retired teachers' meeting until a couple of years ago.

Margret was raised in the Lutheran faith at Salem Lutheran Church. After marriage, she transferred her membership to Harned's Chapel United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School for many years, was church treasurer, and later was treasurer of the Harned's Chapel Cemetery until 1986. She loved her church and church family.

Margret loved to read, do crossword puzzles, travel, was a great cook (made the best apple pies, prune cake, and homemade bread in the world), to love on her kitty, Hot Shot, and more recently, Baby. Flowers and candy made her very happy. Her favorite color was red. She loved family functions and spent lots of her time with the children-they adored each other.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude and much love to caregivers Pam Renner, Sharon Brady, and Shawnee Driskill for all the loving care and devotion they showered on our Gommy. No amount of thanks would be enough. Also, many special thanks to Smoky Mountain Hospice for meeting her every need in the three weeks that services were provided.

With Covid-19 rules in place, friends and family may come by Manes Funeral Home on Friday, June 12, 2020 from 11 am to 4 pm to sign the guest register.

A graveside service will be held at 10 am Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Harned's

Chapel Cemetery with Pastor Roy Dalton officiating.

Those wishing to honor Margret's memory may do so by making a donation to Harned's Chapel Cemetery Fund or to Harned's Chapel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1, Parrottsville, TN 37843, or to your favorite Alzheimer's and Dementia Charity.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Drop BY and Sign Register

JUN **12**. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.
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Graveside

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Harned's Chapel Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Margret Proffitt Smith*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to Ashley and family.*

Craig Gardner - June 21, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *Diane and all the family,we were sorry to hear of Mrs. Smith passing .She was a very special person and teacher. We will be be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers . James and Gail Frisbee*

Jamesand Gail Frisbee - June 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ *James And Gail Frisbee lit a candle in memory of Margret Proffitt Smith*



James and Gail Frisbee - June 13, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. As former students of hers we remember her most fondly. Mackey and Michelle Winter*

Mackey Winter - June 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM

TW

“ *Diane, so sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady. Sending prayers your way.*
Trudy Wright

Trudy Wright - June 12, 2020 at 10:38 PM

LM

“ *Sorry for the family's loss prayers for you during this time.*

Liz McNabb - June 12, 2020 at 09:29 AM

AW

“ *Diane, so sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady and wonderful teacher. My prayers are with you and the family.*
Ann Huff Woody

Ann Woody - June 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margret Proffitt Smith.*



June 11, 2020 at 04:36 PM

LD

“ Well done, thy good and faithful servant! What a beautiful life that God truly blessed by allowing her to be with her loved ones for 98 years. And you all were truly blessed to have her. She was blessed by a wonderful devoted daughter and family that loved her everyday, and her love for her family will remain with you forever. You will have sweet dreams of Margret always. Everyone who knew her loved her, as she was a blessing to many. Please know you all are in many hearts and prayers as we grieve this loss with you. Much love and sympathy to all of you at this sad time. May God comfort and bless you!



Matthew 5:4

*Love,
Linda & Bud Dawson*

Linda Dawson - June 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM

BF

“ Bud & Linda Dawson & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Margret Proffitt Smith.



Bud & Linda Dawson & Family - June 11, 2020 at 01:09 PM

PL

“ Among my earliest memories at Parrottsville Elementary School, in church, and in the Harned's Chapel Community, Ms. Margret is a cherished one. She was a beautiful lady and role model in every sense. I can still hear her directing her students in the hallway or cafeteria at school, all the while looking beautiful and always "together". I love you Ms. Margret. Thank you for your shining example, friendship and love through the years.

Pam Smith Lowe

Pamela S Lowe - June 11, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AD

“ Such a sweet lady and an excellent teacher! Prayers for your family.

Amy Burnett Dorsey - June 11, 2020 at 10:54 AM

CS

“ Cynthia Salie purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Margret Proffitt Smith.



Cynthia Salie - June 11, 2020 at 09:56 AM

L.

“ She was truly a fine lady. I always enjoyed talking with her. She will be missed.

L.C.Gregg - June 11, 2020 at 08:25 AM

BM

“ *Diane, Ron and I are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What a wonderful person she was. Didn't have her as a teacher but, always enjoyed chatting with her when we would meet at different functions. She will be truly missed. Our prayers are with you and your family. We love you.*
Ron and Beth Mooneyhan

Beth Mooneyhan - June 11, 2020 at 02:31 AM

TF

“ *Diane and Marty; so very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful and precious lady. Never seen her without a smile on her face. Mom was so upset she said she was always a very good friend. My heart goes out to you and your family.*
Terry & Kimberly Fowler

Terry Fowler - June 10, 2020 at 04:03 PM

“Diane, I extend my sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Lisa Brooks Barnett shared the news with me yesterday while I was having some dental work done in her brother's office.

I noticed a picture of her 98th birthday in the Plain Talk and thought she looked very much like Anna Carolyn Kenyon Miller, her niece. The Easterly Daughters, Edie (your grandmother), Bernice (my grandmother), Gona, Wanda, Sibley (Toad), Mary Elizabeth, and EmmaDean were a closely knit family. I have many memories when they would gather for reunions and the laughter that would come from their time together. I remember Emma Dean and Toad playing "RedWing" as a piano duet when the sisters met at my Grandmother Caton's house. Seems to me that all had taken piano when they were young. I remember Aunt Eddie and Uncle Wallace and your uncle Everett. Seems to me that Everett used to work for Sears and traveled some, but I could be mistaken.

Diane, we have a great heritage with the Easterly clan. I vividly remember some family reunions when I was young and LC's boys, David Winters and his brother, Frances, Kenyon, the Holiday boys, and other 2nd cousins. And who could forget "DaDa." Honestly, I was sort of afraid of Aunt Gona.

I have found that growing older is not for sissies and further that watching your parents grow older is not for kisses either. I have been down that road. I extend my thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of your mother and I hope that as time passes, the many wonderful memories you have will flood your mind and bring you peace.

Maybe I will stop by your home one Sunday afternoon as I still drive to Newport to play for church.

Blessings and Peace,

Benjamin Caton

Benjamin Caton - June 10, 2020 at 03:29 PM

VM

“*Margaret was my second grade teacher. As a teacher, her classroom was special because she loved each us. She always urged us to do our best and because we loved her we tried. She was always the same loving person when and wherever that you saw her. I treasure the fact that I am one of her “babies”. She was such a shining example of Christian love. We will miss you but you taught us well.*”



Vickie Moore - June 10, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DO

“*So sorry to hear of your loss. I'm so glad to have been part of her birthday party at Diana's a few weeks ago. Blessings to all.*”

Duay and Kay O'Neil - June 10, 2020 at 02:02 PM

CL

“*Margaret was my second grade teacher. I loved her because she was so nice to me. She had the quietest voice with the prettiest red lips. She always dressed so pretty in her dresses and pantsuits. Her hair was always so neat with the little curl on each side of her forehead. We will always remember her as our favorite teacher at parrottsville. She lived a long life and I'm glad. Live and hugs to the family. I always knew she was a wonderful christian lady . Charlene and Lanny*”

Charlene and Lanny - June 10, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JR

Margaret was wonderful beautiful Christian woman. She was was very special to our family. We will miss her dearly. Prayers love and compassion and comfort for the family. Love you all.

*God bless
Love you all
Jana Rubac*

Jana Rubac - June 10, 2020 at 09:05 PM

DL

Thank you so much, Jana. She certainly loved you and your wonderful family!

diane lyles - June 25, 2020 at 11:48 AM

KH

“ *So blessed to have been able to spend time with Gommy when she came to TX to visit. I will always remember her sweet smile! Our thoughts and prayers are with Diane, Lauren, Ashley and their families during this time.*

Kori Hoster - June 10, 2020 at 12:49 PM

RF

“ *I am sorry for your loss.....such a beautiful, sweet lady, and a life well lived.*

Ray Fancher - June 10, 2020 at 10:13 AM