



## Janice Renee Smith

November 25, 1953 - June 16, 2023

Janice Renee Smith, 69, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023 after a courageous fight with cancer. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS 38672). A celebration of life will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m., also at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven. Internment will be held at Autumn Woods Memorial Park (6240 Davidson Road, Olive Branch, MS 38654).

With a servant's heart, Janice found joy in taking care of others. Her love of cooking was well known and appreciated by many. At her insistence, one would always leave her kitchen with an extra serving of her delicious southern cooking. She did not hesitate to serve someone in need. Many benefited from her generosity, energy and persuasive spirit.

Janice enjoyed life's adventures with her beloved companion, Mike Houston. Their travels afforded the time to stop and truly enjoy the journey...which always included shopping, touring historical sites, and finding the best sweet confections. Pensacola Beach was dear to her heart and she loved visiting during the Fall each year.

Left to cherish Janice's memory is her beloved companion, Mike Houston of Memphis, TN; her daughter, Lisa Parkins White (Dean) of Cape Girardeau, MO and Nashville, TN; her grandson, Jackson White (Jewel Chism) of Franklin, TN; her sister, Sandra Rhoda (Billy) of Olive Branch; and her two nieces, Nikki Rhoda of Olive Branch and Shelby Hamrick (Drew) of Hernando,

MS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James M. Smith and Thelma Jane Smith.

In lieu of traditional flowers, please consider a memorial donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Online condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven  
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Southaven, MS 38672  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Jan was such a wonderful person and friend to our family. She had a way of lighting up a room with her sweet smile and laugh. She was one of the most thoughtful people I know and had a way of making you feel so special. She was such a good friend to so many and will be greatly missed.

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**Angela Gass** - June 20, 2023 at 07:34 PM

JA

“ Jan was a very special friend, loved her dearly. She will be missed by so many friends and family. It will be hard to go to dinner without her and Mike, it was always 6 of us meeting for dinner. If she wasn't talking about Jackson, she was talking about Olivia and Maddox, Nikki and Shelby or showing pictures. Her family was the love of her life. Always cooking for everyone even when she was sick, she baked the best cheesecake for birthdays. I could go on and on but if you knew Jan then you knew how special she was and is. Will see her again one day. Love and prayers for her family. She will be missed. Our Love, Judy, Scooter, Liz, and Tommy (best friends forever) ❤️🙏

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**Judy Anderson** - June 20, 2023 at 10:42 AM

JA

Also want to acknowledge a very special person Sandy, her sister. Didn't mention her in previous comment. She deserves her own special comments. She gave her love and heart taking care of Jan. Would do whatever it took to make sure Jan was cared for, everyone should have a Sandy in their life. Jan was very blessed, the two of them had a special bond. Thank you Sandy for all the sacrifices, love, and care you devoted to our Jan.

God has a special place for you in Heaven. Love you, Judy, Scooter, Liz, and Tommy

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**Judy Anderson** - June 20, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Renee Smith.



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June 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Renee Smith.

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June 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ I worked with Jan for a number of years & she was always a pleasure to work with & talk with. I work at the accounting firm for Battery Sales & Service & got to know Jan through BSS. I know she struggled with health issues for a number of years. I'm sending my condolences to her family...RIP in Jan!!

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**Ginger Douglass** - June 19, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ With a heavy heart I say goodbye to my beautiful cousin. I've witnessed her struggle over the past year, while I'm sad, she is finally at peace. She will be greeted at heaven's gate by her many friends and relatives with open arms. She will be missed by me and many more. Rest in peace  
I love you so much!

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**Vicki Legue** - June 18, 2023 at 11:57 AM

KN

“ Ms. Janice was the sweetest, most amazing woman. I took care of her at the cancer center and no matter how bad she felt, she always had a positive attitude and would go out of her way to ask me all about my life and how I was doing. She felt like family and I will miss her so dearly. Prayers for your family ❤️

Katelyn Nieri - June 18, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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“ My memory of Jan is how sweet & kind she she was to everyone - always the first to say can I help- never unkind words - she will be missed- Billie Jean

Billie Jean Tobias - June 18, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janice Renee Smith.



June 18, 2023 at 10:46 AM