



Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood

September 20, 1938 - January 15, 2026

Floy Nell Taylor Smith Wood, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home in Nicholson, Georgia, on January 15, 2026, at the age of 87.

Born on September 23, 1938, in Gillsville, Georgia, to Emory Spear and Alice Parsons Taylor, Floy Nell—as she was lovingly known—lived a life marked by love, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family. She was the rock and heart of her family, always offering warmth, wisdom, and faithful prayers for those around her.

Floy was known for her faithful service to the Lord. Her devotion took her far beyond her hometown to London, England, and to many places around the world, where she walked humbly among God's children, serving others with kindness and grace. Yet, despite her many travels and ministries, her greatest joy was always time spent with her family.

As a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she took immense pride in each of her children, creating lasting memories through cooking meals and baking countless cakes, family vacations, working in her beloved yard and most faithfully mowing her grass.

She is survived by her son, Richard Smith (Ricky), her stepdaughter, Cathy Wood Haines; her sister, Gladys (Al) Cain, her grandchildren, Shawn Smith

Ivory (Marcus), Joshua Smith, Wes Smith (Kerry), Nick Arostegui, Shea Totherow (Josh), Daniel Carder (Tessa); and her great-grandchildren, Marnie, Landon, Allie, Bella, Caitlin, Jessica, KG, Stella, Alex, Drayke and Houstyn. All will carry her love, faith, and lessons forward.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Gene Smith, and her second husband, Frank Wood. Her sisters; Mildred (Paul) Garrison and Bertha (Austin) Whitlock.

Floy's legacy of love lives on in the many lives she touched. Her love and prayers will guide us always. A woman of deep faith, she walked humbly among God's children, serving others with kindness and grace. She loved the Lord and trusted in Jesus Christ, and her life was a reflection of that faith. Though we mourn her passing, we rejoice in knowing she now walks in the presence of her Savior, reunited with loved ones and at peace in God's eternal care.

Funeral services will be at 3 PM, Sunday, January 18 at River of Life Worship Center with Rev. J.D. Sosebee officiating. Interment will follow in Nicholson Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 1 to 3 PM on Sunday.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Nicholson Cemetery

Memorial Drive
Nicholson, GA 30565

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

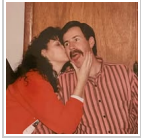
River of Life Worship Center
4971 US-441
Nicholson, GA 30565

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Floy Nell was one of our many Church Mamas. She was one of our Mama's best friends. They worked side by side at the NCHC for many years.

Floy Nell is the one who opened the door for me to begin leading choirs. It started as a youth choir director and went on to direct several Youth Camp and Seminar choirs. God used her to open up my calling for several years.

Floy Nell, Gene and Ricky will always be family to the Kesler family. We love you Ricky. You have been a faithful son and a wonderful caregiver for your precious Mama. She loved you so much and was very proud of you ❤️💔🙏

Martha Hulsey - January 17 at 09:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.



January 17 at 07:14 PM



“ Mickey & Martha Mize lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood



Mickey & Martha Mize - January 17 at 06:59 PM

MI

She was a special Godly Woman .

Mickey - January 17 at 07:04 PM

LL

“ Larry & Melinda Loggins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.

Larry & Melinda Loggins - January 17 at 07:29 AM

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“ Larry & Melinda Loggins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.



Larry & Melinda Loggins - January 17 at 07:29 AM

JS

“ Janice Loggins Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood



Janice Loggins Strickland - January 17 at 12:43 AM

JT

“ Floy was a lovely kind person. I'm glad I knew her. It was always fun to talk with Floy. Love and condolences to all of her family. 🙏

Janet Maddox Thomas - January 16 at 10:21 PM

SC

“ STOWE Small Group Class purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.



STOWE Small Group Class - January 16 at 05:06 PM

LF

“ Larry Wilson And Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.

Larry Wilson And Family - January 16 at 04:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Floy Nell Smith Wood.



January 16 at 04:22 PM