



Mrs. Hilda Smith Hill

April 13, 1933 - November 18, 2025

Hilda Smith Hill passed away on Tuesday, November 18 at the age of 92. She was born in Commerce, GA on April 13, 1933 to Selwyn and Zuline Smith. She attended Commerce Public Schools, graduating in 1950, and earned a BS in Education from North Georgia College and UGA. Her teaching career spanned 35 years, the final 32 of which were spent at Commerce Middle School.

In 1956, she married Charles Hill; they adopted two sons, Don(Carol) Hill and Dean Hill, in 1965 and 1967 respectively. Hilda was blessed with twelve grandchildren: Alexis, Jake, Lydia, Sara, Isaac, Carrie, Jared, Liberty, Elijah, Sophie, Carissa, and Micah. She also had two great grandsons, Kobe and Kai.

After retiring from teaching English to thousands of middle schoolers, she joined Harmony Grove Garden Club, where she was active in community service. Hilda's love of reading led her to many joyful hours spent at the Commerce Public Library, volunteering and becoming a charter member of The Storytellers, a writer's group begun in 1995. Hilda was an active member of Mount Olive Baptist Church for 60+ years, teaching Sunday School for 50+ years.

She is predeceased by her husband Charles, brother Larry, sister Guelda,

daughter-in-law Liz, and grandson Jake.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Commerce at 11:00am on Wednesday, November 26, with visitation at 9:00am, officiated by Rev. Dean Hill, Rev. Verlin Reece, and Rev. Keven Newsome. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift in her honor to the Operation Christmas Child ministry of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, which Hilda spearheaded for many years.

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

Cemetery Details

Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.
Commerce, GA 30529

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
190 Mt. Olive Church Rd
Commerce, GA 30529

Service

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ My best year of school at Commerce was 8th grade. I loved all my teachers and classes but I loved Ms.Hill’s class best. She made writing and learning grammar more desirable than anything at that time in my life. But, it was her genuine love for me that made her my favorite. She saw so much potential in me. And when I chose a career in teaching, I chose to be an English teacher because of her influence in my life.

Her influence did not end in 8th grade. She became an adult mentor and friend. She attended many of the important events in my adult life. And we often shared important life updates on the pews at Mount Olive.

I loved Ms.Hill. I know that all her knew her did too. We loved her class, her heart, and her love for Jesus. What a joy and gift she was to the world!

Melanie Lawhorn - November 26, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Hilda Smith Hill.



November 25, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JG

“ *My heart is heavy right now as I learned the passing of my favorite English teacher. I loved Mrs. Hill and would often run into her at the grocery store, she never forgot who I was and we would reminisce to times in her classroom. Mrs. Hill taught me so much as English was my favorite subject, what she taught me I will never forget and still use it to this day. Rest in love and power Mrs. Hill, I'm gonna miss seeing you. Tears are streaming as I write this.*

Jacqueline Williams Gholston - November 24, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album Hilda Hill*



Cherie - November 24, 2025 at 10:40 AM

CH

A kind and loving lady who always made me feel special and loved. When I walked into Mt. Olive she was one of the first people I always saw and her smiling face will be missed. :Love you Mrs. Hilda. Enjoy your heavenly trip and we will see you soon.

Cherie - November 24, 2025 at 10:44 AM

KB

“ *Her smile will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew her. I will always remember how much she loved her boys*

Kathy Bridges - November 22, 2025 at 05:20 AM

JE

“ She was a special lady, not only bc she shared the same name as my Mama, but was the first Sunday School teacher I remember at Mt Olive. I remember her commenting about my "big brown eyes" when I was just 6 years old sitting around that SS table. Many years later, I was blessed to be her nurse. I know she is missed by her family and loved ones.

Jimmie Carol Anglin Elrod - November 21, 2025 at 08:25 PM

PS

“ Mrs Hill was one of my favorite teachers. Sorry for the loss of a loved one, I know she'll be missed dearly. You all are in my thoughts & prayers...🙏🙏🙏



Patricia Seagraves - November 21, 2025 at 05:15 PM

RH

“ It's amazing how some things stick in your mind and are there for instant recall.

November, 1963. Mrs. Hill was my 8th grade teacher in Commerce Junior High School. We were in the library when she told us about the death of President John F. Kennedy.

She was a great teacher. Condolences to the family.

Roger Hardy - November 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM