



## Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith

October 13, 1930 - September 19, 2022

Wandalene Louise Smith passed away peacefully at home in her sleep September 19, 2022. She was 91.

Wandalene was born October 13, 1930 in Yountsville, Indiana to Raymond Leroy Runyon and Nancy Foss Runyon. She weighed nine pounds and was the second of seven children. She grew up in Alamo, Indiana and graduated from Alamo High School in 1948. She was a cheerleader. Now married, she moved to New Market and then to Crawfordsville, Indiana. In 1959, she moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida and then in 1979, moved to Rockledge, Florida where she spent the rest of her life.

Born into poverty during the Great Depression, through hard work and determination she managed to work her way out of that. Her first job as a teenager was at Donnelley's in Crawfordsville where she assumed positions of responsibility. There, she help bind the very first Betty Crocker Cook Book. She also worked at the Crawfordsville shirt factory. Wandalene was a gifted seamstress who made all her children's clothes and her very own "poodle dress" that was popular in the 1950s. She was a much sought out seamstress who altered women's clothes and actually made women's clothes from scratch. She was very active in her children's scouting and Little League baseball where she again assumed positions of leadership. She was an organizer who got things done and made things happen.

In her late fifties, she purchased some apartments and managed them closely until four months before her death. She loved managing her apartments and it made her financially independent. Now a successful self-made business-woman, in her later life she traveled all over the United States and around the world. Indeed, her house was filled with pictures of all she had accomplished in life, many things she had actually made in life and souvenirs of all the places she had traveled.

She married Arthur M Smith in 1950 and was widowed in 2002. She had five sons all of whom survive her. They are Gary, Jerald and his wife Arlene, Darrell and his wife Sharon, Kevin and his wife Sher and Craig and his wife Stacy. She has one granddaughter Corrina and some great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her sister Lois Smith and brother Earl Dean Runyon.

She will be buried at the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell at her husband's military grave.

# Cemetery Details

## Florida National Cemetery

Bushnell, FL 33513

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Rockledge  
1810 Cedar St.  
Rockledge , FL 32955  
(321) 632-8411

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 03:36 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith.*



October 02, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith.*



October 01, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith.*



September 27, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith.*



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September 26, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wandalene L. Smith.*



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September 25, 2022 at 11:46 AM