



Billie Jean Smith

April 17, 1932 - November 30, 2010

Billie Jean Smith, age 78, Huntington, died at 10:22 p.m. Tuesday (November 30, 2010) at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Billie Jean was born April 17, 1932 in Huntington, the daughter of William J. Rish and Ruth E. (McCutcheon) Rish-Ball. She married Frederick L. "Peanut" Smith on November 4, 1948 in Huntington. Peanut preceded her in death on November 23, 1999.

Billie Jean was a homemaker and a supervisor for several years with Jerry Williams Professional Janitorial Services. She was a member of Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church, the Good Shepherd United Brethren Church, and the New Hope United Brethren Church. Billie Jean was a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Brethren Church. She loved to bowl at Oaklanes Bowling Center, and enjoyed playing euchre.

Survivors include three sons – Thomas R. (Kathy) Smith of Huntington, William J. (Sharon) Smith of Uniondale, and Mark D. Smith of Huntington; two daughters – Mari E. (Rodney) Jackson of Huntington, and Amy J. (Rob) Burnau of Huntington; twelve grandchildren – Sarah Smith, Aaron Smith, Claire Burkhart, Mike Williams, David Jackson, Brandi Smith, Dawn Smith, Haley Burnau, Kylee Burnau, Janell Williams, Jamie Eckert, and Audrey Smith; and nine great grandchildren – Emilie, Lucie, Katie, Taylor, Ryne, Cody,

Lillie, Jaden, and Carson. Her parents, husband, and one son, Steven K. Smith precede her in death.

Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Friday (December 3, 2010) at the Bailey-Love Mortuary. Funeral Services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday (December 3, 2010) at the Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Larry Taylor officiating. Private Burial will be in the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery, Huntington on Saturday (December 4, 2010).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Cemetery Details

Pilgrims Rest Cemetery

4945 N. Jefferson St
Huntington, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

DEC 3. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



Richard Curry

“ 7 files added to the album Birthday Party 2008 at Amy's House



Richard Curry - December 08, 2010 at 06:50 PM

MO

“ Mike Opal lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Mike Opal - December 07, 2010 at 01:06 PM

MO

Our families have been friends for years. Your dad and my dad fought in the war together and came home friends so I have known your mother as long as you kids have. She was a great person and now she is with your dad and my mom and dad. It has been an honor to have had this friendship and something I will hold in my heart forever. I am sorry we missed the funeral but the bad weather kept Opal and I from driving up. Hope to see everyone sometime next year. Our love and prayers Mike and Opal Chambers

Mike Opal - December 07, 2010 at 01:22 PM

SS

“ I'll miss the hugs and kisses and hugs and kisses! I'll miss the lipstick prints on everyone's faces! I'll miss the singing and the "dooby dooby do"s! I'll miss the visits, and the naps, and the snacks on things we probably shouldn't have! I'll miss the look of awe on her face at Christmas Mass! I'll miss the giggles and tears and her memories of days gone by and of singing and dancing with Grandpa!! Mostly I'll miss the feeling of calm that came over you just being near her. Knowing she is at peace and not in any pain any longer is a relief. Believing she is finally Home in Gods presence is pure joy!

Sarah Smith - December 06, 2010 at 06:26 AM

LH

“ As a new Christian in 1974 I wasn't quite sure about how to pray, but Billie Jean gave me the wonderful example of how to reach the heavenly realms! Her honest compassion for others was something that really stayed with me! Thank you Billie! To all the family, may you be comforted with the comfort that she gave to others! God bless!

Linda Hiple - December 04, 2010 at 10:42 AM

RG

“ Russ Cindy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Russ Cindy Greenwood - December 04, 2010 at 01:33 AM

RG

“ Billie Jean was one special person. She could giggle and cry at the same time, and had more love to pass around than anyone I've ever known. We really enjoyed her visit last summer, she was sick but we laughed like fools and cried like family, we had a great time. I'll never forget it. I love you all....I know she is home with Jesus now. The weather stopped us from coming to her funeral and I am so sorry. I loved her very much. With Love and Kisses Russ & Cindy

Russ Cindy Greenwood - December 04, 2010 at 01:29 AM

VB

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Vicki Bowman - December 03, 2010 at 11:25 PM

SO

“ I knew Billie Jean and Peanut best when I was a child They were friends of my parents, Jim and Lavie Giddens. I have many memories of us visiting back and forth and playing with the kids. Billie Jean always had such a happy laugh . I am sure that she is sharing that same laugh with so many of her family and friends who have gone to heaven before, including my mom and dad. A happy reunion! A special memory I have of her is when she gave me the "traditional penny" just before I walked down the aisle at my wedding in 1970. My sympathy to all of you.

Susie Orcholski - December 03, 2010 at 09:05 PM

JB

“ Billie Jean was such a woman of God. She and Marge Cotton came and prayed over the former Good Shepherd building, before the church moved from Grayston Ave. to minister to the community. Listening to her pray made you feel closer to God. She obviously used her direct line to God often.

Jan Ballard - December 03, 2010 at 05:24 PM

LH

“ Linda Hanselman lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Linda Hanselman - December 03, 2010 at 05:16 PM

LH

Billie Jean, You will be missed. Thank you for all the prayers you prayed. Thanks for your sweet spirit. It gives me comfort knowing that you went home. You finished the race. Your work here is done. You are with the angels and wearing a crown full of jewels, for you impacted many lives and shared your love for Jesus. To the family I wish you comfort in this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Linda Scheiber Hanselman


Linda Hanselman - December 03, 2010 at 05:34 PM



“ *Nikki, Arianna Saunders & Becca Pogue lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith*



Nikki, Arianna Saunders & Becca Pogue - December 03, 2010 at 04:55 PM


Rhonda
Garner

“ *Rhonda Garner lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith*



Rhonda Garner - December 03, 2010 at 01:07 PM

DD

“ *Your Mom was always kind to me and happy when we talked. She reminded me of my Mom. God Bless Her and All of Her Family.
Dave & Carla Deal & Family*

Dave and Carla Deal - December 03, 2010 at 01:06 PM

MC

“ Tom, Bill, Mark, Mary & Amy, I wish you all the best during this difficult time, Aunt Billie Jean was a out going, kind person with a smile on her face. I know God was with her during this difficult time and I know he is holding each one of you in his palm. Take his comfort and support each other and remember all the good times you had with her and Uncle Peanut I am sure there is a big family reunion in the sky. When your driving down the road and you miss them, just roll down the car window, stick your head out the window and just holler up at the sky and say I miss you and love you. That's what I do. Sorry I am not there. God's love is great. Mike Caley & Family

Mike Caley - December 03, 2010 at 09:57 AM

DD

“ Loved going out and eating breakfast with her and her son Mark Smitty.
She was amusing and great company.
She will be missed
Dan "Oz" Dickerson

Dan Dickerson - December 03, 2010 at 08:14 AM

TS

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Tom Smith - December 02, 2010 at 07:43 PM

BN

“ *Billie Jean was such a special person. We met because Smitty and my Dad were in the Army together. We became more like family than friends. I can never remember Billie Jean saying a negative word about anything or anybody. She smiled, laughed and loved her family, her Church and Church family. I don't think I will ever meet anyone like her. I am praying for you Tom, Bill, Mark, Mari and Amy. Have comfort in knowing she is with Jesus and her loved ones who have already passed on. She will be missed. I am sorry I won't be able to be with you Friday, it's difficult for me to travel. You will be in my mind and always in my heart.*

Beverly Nail - December 02, 2010 at 07:22 PM

RC

“ *Thanks Billie Jean for your kindness and opening your home to Penny and I while we were home from the Army. May you rest in the arms of our Lord.*



RICK PENNY CURRY - December 02, 2010 at 07:02 PM

BN

“ *Beverly Nail lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith*



Beverly Nail - December 02, 2010 at 06:48 PM

CC

“ *Billie Jean was an dear friend of our family. She was an amazing prayer warrior and I loved her very much. She took care of me as a child and was second 'mom' even as an adult. She will be sorely missed. I can just imagine her singing alongside my mom in heaven tonight.*

Cathy Cooley - December 02, 2010 at 05:55 PM

SR

“ *Billie Jean was one of my favorite people. She was always laughing or crying. I remember her as one of my Sunday school teachers in my early years at Grayston Ave. Church. Say Hello to all our loved ones in heaven.. Susan Richard*

Susan Richard - December 02, 2010 at 05:07 PM

TB

“ *Teri Beeks lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith*



Teri Beeks - December 02, 2010 at 04:41 PM

TB

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Billie Jean all of my life. She was a beautiful person... inside and out.*

Teri Beeks - December 02, 2010 at 04:40 PM

CR

“ I always loved Billie's smile and laugh - it was so contagious. I so loved hearing her pray and seek God on many occasions. So glad she is free of pain and worry ... walking with Jesus in her new body. Praying for all the family and friends as she will be missed.

Cathy Reich - December 02, 2010 at 02:57 PM

CC

“ Cynthia Clore lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Cynthia Clore - December 02, 2010 at 02:08 PM

PC

“ Billie Jean is now in heaven walking with Jesus, the angels and her loved ones who have gone before her. She has been a very special friend of mine for over 40 yrs. ...someone you would call a true friend. I will miss her, but know that one day we will be together again. Tom, Bill, Mark, Mari and Amy, plus the rest of her family...you are all in my thoughts and prayers...may God comfort you in this time of loss. Our loss is her gain...she has now been born into heaven forever...

Polly Chesterman - December 02, 2010 at 02:04 PM

TF

“ Teri And Family lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Teri and Family - December 02, 2010 at 10:33 AM

DS

“ Claire and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sending you prayers and hugs to help get through this time. Remember you will see her again. Love, Danielle and Eric Spieth



Danielle Spieth - December 02, 2010 at 10:20 AM



“ Mari and family... even though I have known you for a very long time, I didn't actually have the privilege of meeting you mom until a few years ago. What an amazing woman she was and I only wish I would've gotten to know her many years before. I absolutely loved her spunk and zest for life....always smiling and always had time for a chat or onrey story!! I am so sorry for your loss and the void that will be left in your hearts. Thank you for sharing such an amazing person with me!



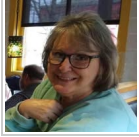
Lori VanOver - December 02, 2010 at 08:57 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Warner lit a candle in memory of Billie Jean Smith



Cheryl Warner - December 02, 2010 at 07:04 AM



“ *Mari & Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Billie's passing. She was a great friend to
my mother over the years.*

Carla (Kline) Rock

Carla Rock - December 02, 2010 at 06:55 AM

CC

“ *Cyndi Crews lit a candle in memory of Billie
Jean Smith*



Cyndi Crews - December 02, 2010 at 04:02 AM

CC

“ *You were one of the sweetest women that myself and my family had
the pleasure of knowing. When I graduated from nursing school it
was such an honor you coming to my party, I loved seeing you. I
also remember getting to chat a few times with you when I
waitressed.....I remember you in my childhood church memories
fondly, you and peanut.
To the family I am so very sorry. You are all in my prayers.
Cyndi Scheiber Crews*

Cyndi Crews - December 02, 2010 at 04:01 AM

PB

“ I will always remember Billie Jean as a good friend. I always treasured her. I will miss her but I know she is with our Lord and Peanut and all family that has gone to heaven before her. I am sorry that I won't be able to be with you in person on Friday as I will be out of town from about noon on. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.

Paula Blackstone - December 01, 2010 at 09:27 PM

SG

“ Lots of memories of this precious lady. Can't think of the good old Grayston days without seeing her in the pew singing praises to Jesus. Always had a smile and a pinch to the cheeks for any of her "kids" as she always called us. Earth's loss is heaven's great gain. My sympathies to all the family.

Sheryl Glancy - December 01, 2010 at 08:37 PM