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Ruth Smith Obituary

Ruth L. Smith, (nee Willis), 99, a longtime resident of Amherst, passed away peacefully Monday, November 10, 2025 at Vitalia Senior Living in Westlake. She was born July 31, 1926 in Salineville, Ohio and named Valedictorian of her high school graduating class. She attended Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and was a graduate of Youngstown State University. Her first vocal music teaching position was in the Milan Schools and retired as a vocal music teacher from Lorain Schools. Family, music and church were big parts of her full and vibrant life.

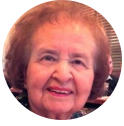
Ruth and her family were members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Elyria, where she sang in the church choir and served on the church Vestry. She also sang with Lorain County Community Civic Chorale and attended many Cleveland Orchestra concerts. She was also a big fan of Cleveland sports teams.

Ruth is survived by children, Kurt Smith (Leah), Karen Crnolatas (Mark, dec.), Victor Smith (Rochelle); grandchildren, Sasha Crnolatas and Abell Smith (Aubrey Lough) and a great grandchild, Saoirse Lough Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward L. Smith in 1974 and parents, Victor and Anna Willis.

Friends will be received Friday, November 14, 2025 from 10:00 am until the time of an 11:00 am service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 300 Third Street, Elyria with Reverend June Hardy Dorsey, Rector officiating. Burial will follow in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cleveland Food Bank
<https://support.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/site/Donation>



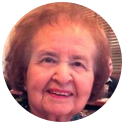
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AS

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Ruth L. Smith posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Ruth L. Smith We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

CF

Camille Sfeir & Family posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ruth L. Smith by Camille Sfeir & Family. Plant a Tree May your warm memories of Ruth last for ever! So sorry for your loss. Camille Sfeir & Family

April 22 at 8:55 AM

AS

Abell, Aubrey And Saoirse posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ruth L. Smith by Abell, Aubrey and Saoirse. Plant a Tree We love you very much, Grandma. Abell, Aubrey and Saoirse

April 22 at 8:55 AM

MS

Michael & Sally posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Ruth L. Smith by Michael & Sally. Plant a Tree Ruth was a wonderful, warm, caring person, as evident by the family she raised, and the many students she nurtured. Michael & Sally

April 22 at 8:55 AM

AP

Alan Petersen posted:

Hi KRS. Your Mom was a great gal and lots of fun. Another life in music. I'm sure you are missing her. Best wishes to all of you.

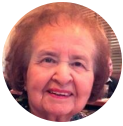
November 13 at 3:34 PM

CK

Cheryl Kwiatkowski posted:

Ruth my beautiful lady, I know you are happy singing with the Angels now. I will miss you on Fridays. We had such good times as I styled your hair. Kurt, Karen and Victor thank you for sharing your mom with me. She was a special friend, I will miss her. Cheryl

November 12 at 4:31 PM



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JB

Joyce Brummer posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Ruth when we were both itinerant teachers for Lorain City schools. She was always a joy to talk to and such a blessing for the children and staff that were lucky to be part of her day. May she rest in peace and may she be your angel in heaven.

November 12 at 6:32 AM

LM

Lisa Hartmann Millsap posted:

Dear Kurt, Karen and Vic, I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a sweet lady and great neighbor! I remember she loved to drive and go places. I should have taken piano lessons. You're all in my prayers 🙏📖🎹📺

November 11 at 9:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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