



## Mrs. Sara Smith Keaton

April 19, 2026

SARA (PAT) SMITH KEATON, age 82, of Athens TN. passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026 at her home.

Born in Walhalla, South Carolina and a current resident of McMinn County, she is the daughter of the late Spencer and Marie Smith of Walhalla SC.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Otho B. Keaton; 2 sisters, Hazel Ayers and Gladys Pearson of Walhalla, SC.; 1 Brother, Jack Smith of Taylors, SC.

Sara was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. She attended Riceville Church of God in Riceville TN. for the last 25 years, but was a life-long member of Coneross Church of God in Walhalla SC. She loved to work in her garden, cook, and try new recipes, and most importantly, she loved Jesus.

Survivors:

Son, David Keaton, of Athens TN.; Daughter and Spouse, Teresa (Chris) Stephens of Athens TN.; 3 Grandchildren, Josh (Cesia) Stephens of Athens TN., Sarah Stephens of Athens TN., and Emily (Tommy Jr.) Bunch of Sweetwater TN. 2 Great-Grandchildren, Lawton Bunch and Lucy Stephens; Sister Myrtle Thomas of Walhalla, SC., and 2 Brothers, Rev. Joe (Nancy)

Smith of Walhalla SC., and Gerald (Diane) Smith of Seneca SC.

Funeral Services will be 5:30 PM Wednesday, April 21, 2026 in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with Rev. Glen Thomas officiating.

The visitation will be from 4:30 to 5:30 PM prior to the funeral service.

Condolences may be made to [www.laycock-hobbs.com/notices/Sara-Keaton](http://www.laycock-hobbs.com/notices/Sara-Keaton).

Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. is in charge of arrangements.

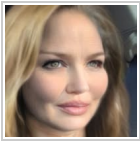
# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sara Smith Keaton*



Kathy Addis - April 26 at 11:41 PM



“ *Susan Batchelder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sara Smith Keaton*



Susan Batchelder - April 23 at 07:45 PM

JL

“ *Jess Langston lit a candle in memory of Sara Keaton*



Jess Langston - April 21 at 08:43 PM

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“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Sara Keaton*



Bobbie Ledford - April 21 at 06:29 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Sara Keaton*



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**Dave & Donna Stephens** - April 21 at 04:21 PM