



## Sylvia Duhon Smith

July 8, 1942 - July 3, 2016

### Sylvia Duhon Smith

Jennings: A Mass of Christian burial for Sylvia Duhon Smith, 73, of Mermentau, LA will be held at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Mermentau, LA on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM with Father Randall Moreau officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 from 2:30 PM until 9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Visitation will resume on Wednesday at 8:00 AM until the time of her Funeral Mass. Sylvia will be laid to rest in the Istre Cemetery. Carrying Sylvia to her final resting place in Istre Cemetery will be Timothy Smith, Damon Smith, Jimmy Thibodeaux, Philip Primeaux, Michael Primeaux, and Larson LeBlanc.

Sylvia was born in Mermentau Cove, LA on July 8, 1942 to Peterson Duhon and Adeline Cary Duhon. She was called to her Heavenly Father on July 3, 2016. Sylvia received her Bachelor's Degree from USL and her Master's Degree from McNeese. She retired as a School Teacher after 17 years, she mostly taught the 4th grade, and she would also tutor children that need extra help. She was a member of The St. John's Ladies' Alter Society and a former member of the Crowley Art Association. Sylvia loved reading, painting, and traveling, she especially loved visiting the National Parks all over the United States. Sylvia never met a stranger and loved visiting with family and friends.

Sylvia was a kind and loving person, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sylvia is survived by her beloved husband of 52 years, Irvin "Choppy" Smith of Mermentau, LA; two sons, Damon (Trisha) Smith of League City, TX, Timothy Smith of Fulton, MD,; one daughter, Tanya R. Smith of Mermentau, LA; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Claire Smith; two brothers, Douglas and Alden Duhon; one sister, Emily Duhon.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her parents Peterson and Adeline Cary Duhon; her grandparents, W.H. Cary, Jr. and Ada Henry Cary; one uncle, Henry Cary.

In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made in Sylvia's name to any Foundation for the help with the research of Parkinson's disease.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at [www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Istre Cemetery

2326 Swift Rd  
Morse, LA 70559

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS  
511 N. Cutting Avenue  
Jennings, LA 70546  
(337) 824-4420  
jimmy@matthewsfh.com  
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

## Rosary

JUL 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS  
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## Visitation

JUL 6. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Evangelist  
707 Orange St.  
Mermentau, LA 70556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Duhon Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Christal Janis lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Duhon Smith*



**Christal Janis** - July 10, 2016 at 04:32 PM



“ *Choppy and Family:  
I was saddened to hear of the death of Sylvia. I taught in the classroom next to hers many years ago at Crowley High. She was a lovely person and a good Resource teacher. I knew she had been ill and in stress for many years because of her disease. She is now at peace. May the Lord of us all comfort you during this sad time.*

*Butch Cantey*

**Butch Cantey** - July 06, 2016 at 08:17 AM

TC

“ Dearest Choppy and family,  
I was so sad to hear of your loss  
Sylvia was truly one of a kind  
She had such a gentle and caring spirit  
I pray God give you and your family grace to make it through the  
days ahead  
I am not sure I can make visitation but know my love and prayers  
are with you  
Theresa LeBlanc Cowart and Clifford Cowart

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**Theresa LeBlanc Cowart** - July 05, 2016 at 03:56 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was  
purchased for the family of Sylvia Duhon Smith.



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July 05, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased  
for the family of Sylvia Duhon Smith.



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July 05, 2016 at 09:37 AM

BS

“ *Choppy and family,*

*We trust that God will strengthen you all in this time of sorrow. Your family was always an inspiration to so many people and to our big family and we will all be saddened by Sylvia's death. God bless you all and keep the faith in Him.*

*We love you all.*

*Bubby and Barbara Smith*

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**Bubby Smith** - July 04, 2016 at 11:31 PM

CK

“ *Sylvia was a rare being; she was a truly nice, caring, loving person. I first became friends with Sylvia's oldest son, Damon, and later became an extended member of Sylvia's family when my sister, Jane, married her brother, Alden. Sylvia was consistently kind and caring to my sister, her daughter, Sara, and to all the rest of our large family. May she rest in peace.*

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**Candace Kelly** - July 04, 2016 at 10:04 PM

CT

“ *Choppy & Family,*

*Mona & I are truly sad to hear of Sylvia/s passing. She was a friend and we will miss her. We are traveling and will not be with you for her services. Rest assured our thoughts and prayers will be with her and your family.*

*Charles and Mona*

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**Charles Trahan** - July 04, 2016 at 09:29 PM

HH

“ *Sylvia was a kind and caring friend. We taught together at Estherwood Elementary. May God continue to bless and give strength to the family.*

*Mrs.Helen Wilridge Harmon*

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**Helen Wilridge Harmon** - July 04, 2016 at 09:09 PM

JL

“ *To Choppy & Family, Sylvia's Brothers and Sister our Sincerest Sympathy for your loss. Our prayers will be with you , and are so sorry we will be unable to attend her funeral .*

*Jimmy & Barbara Sue LeGros*

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**James R LeGros** - July 04, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Sylvia Duhon Smith.*



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July 04, 2016 at 08:07 PM

CD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of you Choppy and your childrens great lost of Sylvia...May she rest in Peace ..May God wrap his loving arms around you and your children. Always Cecile Doucet..*

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**Cecile Doucet** - July 04, 2016 at 07:02 PM

PT

“ I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. I do not know your family but I know this is such a sad time. Please remember that Almighty God is very near. Each of you are in my prayers for strength, hope, and comfort.



Peggy Tupper - July 04, 2016 at 06:04 PM

JF

“ Tanya, Damon and Mr. Choppy I am so very sorry for your loss of Mrs. Sylvia. Our thoughts and prayers are with y'all. Eternal rest grant unto her and let perpetual light shine upon her. God bless y'all.

Janice Istre-LeJeune, Peter & family - July 04, 2016 at 03:54 PM

JF

And to Timmy as well.

Janice Istre-LeJeune, Peter & family - July 04, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Duhon Smith.



July 04, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Duhon Smith.*



July 04, 2016 at 02:18 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Matthews Funeral Home - July 04, 2016 at 12:47 PM

CD

*Trish, Damon, Elizabeth, Choppy, I am so sorry for your loss. You can only endure the loss of a loved one through faith in Christ and His comfort and peace. Praying for all of you. Trish, it was sweet to see the picture of your bridal shower with Sylvia there.*

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - July 04, 2016 at 02:33 PM

JL

*So very sorry to learn of Sylvia's passing. Choppy, rest assure she is no longer struggling and will be smiling down on you and your family each and every day. Life as we once knew forever changes with the passing of a loved one. Keep busy and time has a way of healing. I know she wants you to get the much needed rest you so deserve. Will keep you all in my prayers.*

Joy Landry - July 05, 2016 at 08:38 AM

JH

*We are friends of Sylvia's son Damon and his family and we all attend Nassau Bay Baptist in Houston. I have never met Sylvia but she certainly raised an exemplary Christian man in her son Damon. Condolences to the family in her passing. Jim & Pat*

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**Jim & Pat Hess** - July 05, 2016 at 10:29 AM

RH

*Choppy, sorry to hear about Sylvia. Rodley Henry*

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**Rodley Henry** - July 05, 2016 at 06:12 PM