



Thelma Smith

January 1, 1953 - November 5, 2010

Thelma Smith Jennings: It's with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Mrs. Thelma Smith, 56, announces her passing on Tuesday evening in the comfort of her home, surrounded by the family to whom she devoted her life. Funeral services will be held at Miller French Baptist Church in Gotte's Cove on Friday, November 5, 2010 @ 11:00 AM. The Smith family request visitation be observed on Thursday from 11 AM - 9 PM at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings and resume at Miller French Baptist Church on Friday at 8 AM until the time of her services. Thelma will be laid to rest in the Miller French Baptist Cemetery. Thelma was born in the Basile/Gotte's Cove area to Vergie Soileau Gotte and the late Clifford Gotte in December of 1953. She was a homemaker and devoted her life to raising her children and taking care of her husband, Michael. She was a faithful member of Miller French Baptist Church. Her faith was always strong no matter what obstacle life put in front of her, even with her courageous battle with cancer. Thelma was the definition of Love, Loyalty, and Strength. She loved to sing and spend time with her family. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Leaving behind to mourn her loss and cherish her memories are her beloved husband, Michael Smith of Iota; 2 daughters, Amanda and her husband Johnathan Navarre of Hathaway and Sheila Smith of Gottes Cove; her mother, Vergie S. Gotte of Gotte's Cove; 3 brothers, James Gotte of Crowley, Eward Gotte of Gotte's Cove, & Wallace Gotte of Evangeline; 4 sisters, Barbara Suffrin of Gotte's Cove, Nell Deese and husband Dr. Charles Deese of Jennings, Norma

Watkins and husband Walter of Lafayette, & Peggy LeBlanc and husband Aulden of Hathaway; and her 3 beautiful grandsons, Cameron, Hayden, & Ethan Navarre. Now Thelma rest in Heaven with her father, Clifford; and 4 brothers, Clifford Jr., Jerry, John, & Curby Gotte; Carrying Thelma to her eternal resting place will be her 3 brothers, Wallace, Eward, & James Gotte, son-in-law John Navarre, Ryan Hebert, and David Ewing. Honorary pallbearers will be her 3 beautiful grandsons, Cameron, Hayden, & Ethan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Dear Mr. Mike, Amanda and Sheila, Please know that you are all in my heart and prayers. You can have peace knowing she is no longer suffering and is now in the presence of her lord and savior. God Bless, Melissa*

Melissa Guilbeau Cooper - November 04, 2010 at 05:16 PM



“ *MIKE,AMANDA AND SHELIA, THELMA is cancer free,she is at peace.Time and pray will carry you through.*

LINDA POPE GATTE - November 04, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know how difficult this is to go through life without her being there but you have to live day by day remembering what she taught you. This will help you make it through every day. I will keep you guys in my prayers. Love, Kim, Ronnie, Courtney and Jordan*

Kim Gatte Broussard - November 03, 2010 at 11:12 PM

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“ Amanda and family, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mother..Please know that you all are in my prayers..If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me..God Bless Cindy

Cindy L. Price - November 03, 2010 at 02:45 PM

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“ Thelma is in very good hands and God will take care of you - Mike, Amanda and Shelia and all three little handsome grandsons.

Norma Watkins - November 03, 2010 at 11:38 AM