



## Annette Laster Smith

June 2, 1949 - October 20, 2021

Annette Laster Smith, age 72 of Eatonton, passed away Wednesday evening, October 20, 2021. Born the second of three daughters to her parents, John T. Laster, Jr. and Gloria Mae (Polly) Chapman Laster on June 2, 1949 in Dalton, GA. Annette was raised in the Atlanta area, graduating from South Cobb High School in Austell, then attending Georgia State University. She worked in the Atlanta area until she retired from General Motors in 1999. In 2001, she moved to Lake Sinclair, Eatonton, and began working for Farmers and Merchants Bank, retiring from there in 2015.

Prior to retiring, she served as a 5-year member on the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce, attending many business openings and other civic events. Also, Annette was a 40+ year member of The Order of the Eastern Star having served on many committees and served twice, once as a session appointee, and once as an Appointed Grand Officer. A passionate member, she served six times as Worthy Matron in four different chapters. She was a member in Gleaner Chapter #347, Conyers, GA and a dual member and Past Worthy Matron at Milledgeville Chapter #272. She loved the order and made many wonderful, loving friends. She also loved being an active member of Crossroads Baptist Church. She served on several committees, but enjoyed her time as a member of the Praise Team and the Choir, and Joy Sunday

School class.

Her greatest love was loving and doing for her children and family. She greatly loved to entertain them on holidays whenever they could be present, especially Christmas.

She is preceded in death by former spouse, Kenneth C. Baker, her parents John T. Laster, Jr. and Gloria Mae (Polly) Chapman Laster, and an older sister Ida Wyleen Thomas. Family left to morn her include her husband of 23 years, Eugene L. Smith, Sr.; sons John R. Rowell and wife Sherrie, William B. Rowell; bonus children Lisa D. Worsley and husband Todd, Lee Smith and wife Kristie, Lyle S. Smith, her grandchildren K. Tyler Rowell, Christina Warren and husband Nick, Madelyn Hewatt, Brodey Smith; great grandchildren Veronica Clements, and Henry Warren. Sister Cheryl Turner and husband Tommy. sister-in-law Ann Taylor and much loved two nephews, three nieces, six great nephews, and two great nieces; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a memorial service held Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at Crossroads Baptist Church, 106 S. Wesley Chapel Rd. Eatonton, Ga 31024. The family will receive friends and visitors one hour before the service. Interment will be Family only at Green Meadows in Conyers, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions made to either Crossroads Baptist Church, Youth Missions or to the Order of The Eastern Star, P.O. Box 2436, Kennesaw, GAS 30144 earmarked for the Service Dog Project..

To express condolences and sign the guest book please visit [www.williamsfuneral.net](http://www.williamsfuneral.net)

Williams Funeral Home of Eatonton has charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
106 S. Wesley Chapel Rd.  
Eatonton, GA 31024

## Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I enjoyed working with Annette. We became good friends but time gets in the way and over the years we lost each other. So very sorry for Gene and her family. Donna and Bill Poole

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**Donna and Bill Poole** - October 28, 2021 at 10:47 AM

BG

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Gene Smith and the extended family of Annette Smith. May God give you peace during this time. Bill and Sandy Gower

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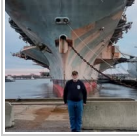
**bill gower** - October 26, 2021 at 03:12 PM

CT

“ We'll sister, you made it to that beautiful land we've heard about all of our lives! I can't imagine the smile on your face when you saw Jesus. Then our Mom, Dad and Big Sis were right behind Him! What a celebration it must have been!! You got sick so fast there just wasn't enough time to spend together and share stories and memories we each had, but I do cherish the times we were together. I'm so thankful God let me see you on Saturday before He called you home. You were able to sit up and talk with me even though you didn't feel good and I tried to get you to eat a little bit and you did....2 bites of a PBJ sandwich. Those are always good!! Those few hours will always be held close in my heart because that's the last time I got to hug you and tell you I love you. We shared a few hours but there never would have been enough time. I sure do miss you already, but I know I will meet you in Heaven some day. So y'all hold each other tight until I get there and we'll celebrate some more. I love you more times infinity!❤️❤️❤️ Love, Your Baby Sister

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**Cheryl Turner** - October 25, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Love You Mom*



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**John Rowell** - October 24, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ *I have so many memories of what you did for me and the rest of your family that I could write forever. I Love You forever and always Mom.*

*Love You, Your Sailor John*

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**John Rowell** - October 24, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ *I loved Annette's smile first. She also would kiss you on your cheek. She was friendly, out-going , and caring. We became friends playing Canasta cards together. She would always say "it's just a game" whenever we lost. She will be missed! She was a follower and believer in God. For that I am consoled by her passing. She is in heaven now with her Savior.*

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**Lana Alexander** - October 22, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *RIP Cuz, Give Aunt Polly & Uncle Johnny A Big Ole Hug For Me.*

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**Bertha Jewell Bloodworth** - October 22, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BB

“ *Bertha Jewell Bloodworth lit a candle in memory of Annette Laster Smith*



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**Bertha Jewell Bloodworth** - October 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM

DD

*Annette has been my friend for many years. We met through our OES affiliation. She was such a joy to be with. She was definitely beautiful inside and out. Sister Annette, I will miss you very much. That beautiful smile and that special voice. You will certainly make a beautiful Angel. Your battle is over and you won the ultimate prize, to see the face of Jesus. I look forward to seeing you again. Rest In Peace my dear friend, I will always love you.*

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**Dee Davis** - October 25, 2021 at 06:02 PM

KT

*My heart is heavy with the passing of a very dear friend. But I know you're in a better place -- that place not made with hands. Your faith and our knowledge you are with our Lord comforts us all. Annett became my sister friend through Eastern Star and what a friend! Her smile would light up a room; her warmth and friendliness made us all feel so very special. We shall meet again, my dear friend.*

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**Kathleen Taylor-Kemp** - October 26, 2021 at 09:25 AM