



## Linda Darnell Smith Payne

April 3, 1949 - March 11, 2024

Linda Darnell Smith Payne

Mrs. Linda Darnell Smith Payne, 74, of Eatonton, passed away Monday March 11, 2024. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Friday March 14, 2024 in the chapel of Williams Funeral Home of Eatonton with burial to follow at Crestlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until the service time

Mrs. Payne was born April 3, 1949 to the late Ed and Beatrice Smith. She was a homemaker who loved her family and especially taking care of her grandkids

Mrs. Payne is survived by husband Buddy Wayne Payne, 2 sons Nathan (and wife Beth) Parham, and Neal (and wife Tammy) Parham, 4 grandchildren Austin Parham, Ansley Parham, Landon Parham, and Andrew Parham, as well as great grandchildren Ricky Maddox, Amilia Maddox and Little Kyle Parham on the way.

# Cemetery Details

## Crestlawn Memorial Gardens

US 441 and GA 16  
Eatonton, GA 31024

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton  
306 N. Jefferson Ave.  
Eatonton, GA 31024  
(706) 485-3303  
[eatonton@williamsfuneralhome.net](mailto:eatonton@williamsfuneralhome.net)  
<https://www.williamsfheatonton.net>

## Burial

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Crestlawn Memorial Gardens  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton created a Webcast in memory of Linda Darnell Smith Payne*



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**Williams Funeral Home - Eatonton** - March 15, 2024 at 12:17 PM

PA

“ *Linda, I love you.. you were my sister's best friend. You always had a smile on your face. And made me laugh. You were like family to me. Buddy I'm sending prayers up for you and the family. Linda I know you're in heaven with my sister and daddy. Rest easy*



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**Pamela Jones Anderson** - March 27, 2024 at 11:13 PM

MM

“ *Mama Linda, you were always there for me and always made me smile to talk to you and be silly. I didn't get to make it to your funeral but know you and Momma are in Heaven together.*

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**Melody Mull** - March 17, 2024 at 02:56 AM

TH

“ Aunt Linda you are going to be greatly missed and may you rest in peace with your loved ones! No more pain or discomfort you finally got through the Golden Gate of Heaven!  
Praying for the family  
Love Theresa and Russell  
Hunnicutt



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**Theresa Hunnicutt** - March 14, 2024 at 01:11 PM

GB

I have fond memories of growing up in Willard and playing with Linda. My love to her family.  
Genie Smith Bernstein

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**Genie Smith Bernstein** - March 15, 2024 at 02:43 PM

LH

Aunt Linda you were beautiful inside and out and showed me and Jessica true love for many many years, our hearts are saddened but we also know without a doubt your in heaven. Uncle Buddy will be ok we will make sure of it!! Until we meet again We love you with all our hearts 💜

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**Linda and Bobby Jones, Jessica Henderson** - March 15, 2024 at 04:38 PM