



Carolyn Maurice Smith

December 9, 1936 - January 30, 2026

Carolyn Maurice Smith, known as Maurcie to most who loved her, was born on December 9, 1936, and passed away on January 30, 2026.

She had a modest upbringing and carried that modesty with her throughout her life. She did not seek attention, praise, or recognition, but she gave what she had—steadily, faithfully, and without keeping score. Maurcie was a devout Christian. Her faith was not performative or loud; it was lived. It showed up in how she endured, how she forgave, how she prayed, and how she kept going when life gave her more than her share of loss. Her belief anchored her, especially in the hardest seasons.

She was a mother who loved deeply and in her own way, and a woman whose strength often went unseen because she did not announce it. Those who truly knew her understood the quiet resilience beneath her calm exterior.

She is survived by her sons, Perry Smith and Stan Smith; her granddaughters Andrea Grigg, Rayven Claspell, Leighanne Wallace, and Hailey Mayfield; and her grandson-in-law, Mark Mayfield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Austin “Shorty” Smith; her son Mike Smith; her daughter-in-law Helen Smith; and many other loved family members who went before her.

A service honoring Maurcie's life will be held on Tuesday February 3, 2026, at 11:00am at the Ashdown Church of Christ with burial to follow at Ashdown Memorial Gardens with David Formby officiating. A visitation will be Monday February 2, 2026, from 5-7pm at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown, AR.

This gathering is not meant to be elaborate. It is a moment to remember a woman whose life mattered, whose faith carried her through, and whose absence will be felt most in the quiet places.

Cemetery Details

Ashdown Memorial Gardens

148 Little River 29
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Christ
270 W. Main Street
Ashdown, AR 71822

Interment

FEB 3 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Perry and Stan,
I was so sorry to hear of your sweet mother's passing. I had the privilege of getting to know her on a personal level through church activities these last several years. She was a lovely lady who loved her boys! Prayers as you process this loss. Love, Carol Hess Hendrix*

Carol Hendrix - February 02 at 09:12 PM

LH

*Perry and Stan,
My heart aches for you in the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful woman who loved her sons with all her heart. I enjoyed her sweet spirit and her love for God. I wish I could be there for you. You are in my heart and prayers. I know how hard this is.
Hugs,
Liz Culp Howell*

Liz Culp Howell - February 02 at 10:23 PM

GT

I think about Maurice and Shorty and Mike every time I drive down Rankin street. This sure brings back a flood of memories,, the rope shop, ropings ,, good times with GOOD people! Maurice was a lovely lady! She loved her family and her church family. My hearts aches for your loss! Keeping you all in my prayers! ❤️🙏 Glenda Tinkes

Glenda Tinkes - February 03 at 07:34 AM

JG

“ *Jerlene Hemphill Grimes lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Maurice Smith*



Jerlene Hemphill Grimes - January 31 at 07:28 PM

GF

“ Gail, Carl, Debbie, Nesi, Kelly, Bonnie & fam purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Carolyn Maurice Smith.



Gail, Carl, Debbie, Nesi, Kelly, Bonnie & fam - January 31 at 05:20 PM

BJ

“ Bill, Deb, Galen & Julie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carolyn Maurice Smith.



Bill, Deb, Galen & Julie - January 31 at 12:39 PM

BL

“ Bobbie and Lucille purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carolyn Maurice Smith.



Bobbie and Lucille - January 31 at 12:39 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carolyn Maurice Smith.



January 31 at 12:20 PM

MA

“Perry and Stan, so sorry for the loss of your mom. I knew her best for treating myself and my brother Terry like extra sons. At the crossroads home , if you were around at supper time you were going to eat a great meal. She and Shorty were always so gracious to our family and were there in good times and bad. Thanks for sharing your mom with us. Mike Altenbaumer



Michael Altenbaumer - January 31 at 11:50 AM

DB

“I loved that quiet strength, Maurice. She and Shorty were our neighbors for a time at Crossroads. I remember her as quiet but very steady. So sorry.

Donna Bush - January 31 at 11:20 AM

AO

“I'm so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you all.

Angela Oglesby - January 31 at 10:41 AM

SS

“Perry, so sorry for your loss. Such a precious friend she has been and to so many. Just a few weeks ago she hosted our card group at her home. She will be dearly missed.

Susan Stanton - January 31 at 09:07 AM

Jl

“ Stan and Perry so very sorry to hear the news of your mom , sending love and prayers. I loved your mom we had a lot of good times together.
Julia Imler



Julia Imler - January 31 at 12:36 AM

PL

“ Perry & Stan so sorry to here about your Mom passing away. She really enjoyed playing cards. Have good memories of playing cards with her. I'll truly miss her. Family in my 🙏

Patsy little - January 30 at 06:24 PM