



Clara Fay Smith

December 5, 1940 - May 2, 2026

Clara Fay Smith, aged 85, of London, KY, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Saint Joseph Hospital in London, KY. She was born on December 5, 1940, the daughter of the late Curtis and Opal (Dixon) Williams.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband William G. Smith, brother-in-law F. Byrd Hogg, and a special friend, Jared Barton.

She is survived by her three siblings: James Williams and wife Susan of Missouri, Cora Hogg, and Gerrie Creech and husband Bill, all of London, KY; plus, a host of family and friends to mourn her passing.

Clara Fay earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Berea College and served faithfully as a school nurse. Beyond her work, Clara found great joy in the traditions of Appalachia where she spent many hours playing her dulcimer. She was deeply involved within her community, where she was a member of the Bettie Carter Morgan Club, the Erlanger/Elsmere Historical Society, the Lions Club, and dedicated her time as a 1-on-1 Literacy Coach.

She was of the Christian faith and a member of Erlanger Christian Church.

She also attended Hart Baptist Church after she moved to London.

Services for Clara Fay Smith will be conducted on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 12 p.m. at Hampton Celebration of Life Funeral Chapel, with Bro. Paul Bryon "Sug" Brashear officiating. Burial will follow at the Berea Cemetery in Berea, KY. Serving as pallbearers will be family and friends. The family of Clara Fay Smith will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Hampton Celebration of Life Funeral Chapel.

Hampton Celebration of Life Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the family of Clara Fay Smith.

Cemetery Details

Berea Cemetery

Berea , KY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hampton Celebration of Life Funeral Chapel
1504 S Laurel Rd
London, KY 40744
(606) 284-7268
<http://www.hamptoncelebrationoflife.com>

Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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London, KY 40744
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Burial

MAY 5.

Berea Cemetery
Berea , KY

Tribute Wall



“ My friend Carol has spoken often of her aunt Fay and how much she loves her. This beautiful lady with her generous heart will be missed by all who love her!

Ann - May 05 at 10:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara Fay "Freida" Smith.

May 04 at 12:40 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Fay Smith.



May 04 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara Fay "Freida" Smith.

May 04 at 10:09 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Fay Smith.*



May 04 at 10:09 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Fay as a dear friend and co-worker for more than fifty years. She never met a stranger and was such a giving person of her time and talents. We always had a good laugh whenever she shared the time she fell asleep with her head on a man's shoulder during a work conference we were attending back in the late 70's, along with so many other embarrassing and fun times. She had such a positive impact on so many lives.....enjoy your heavenly peace with Bill and Jared and family!*



connie wright - May 03 at 04:07 PM



Met Faye and Bill at the Jesse Stuart weekend. We attended together for several. Years. Faye was a talker and was enjoyed by every one there. Now she is intends of the good Lord. She will be missed.

Bud Vanzant - May 03 at 08:09 PM