



Smith, Onita Manning

1932-2019

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Funeral services for Onita Manning Smith, 87, of Chico, were held Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Hudson and Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, officiated by Pastor Mike McInerney. Burial followed at Cumby Cemetery in Chico.

Pallbearers were Jason Smith, Scott Rawlings, Charlie Smith, Will Robinson, Walt Mowery and Jimmy Smith.

She went home to be with our Lord on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019, in Decatur.

Nita was born March 5, 1932, to Murriell Thomas and Opal Evon (Motley) Manning in Chico. She was united in marriage to Elton

Kenneth Smith June 6, 1949.

Nita was a member of Crafton Baptist Church. She worked many years in nursing homes as a certified nursing assistant and later retired from Chico ISD as a cafeteria manager.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Kenneth; sisters Nelda Adams and Verba Manning; and brothers Maurice Manning and Jess Melton.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Jocelyn Rawlings and husband, Mike, of Boyd; sons Jamey Smith and wife, Robbie, of Cottondale and Joey Smith of Chico; grandchildren Jonna Rawlings, Scott Rawlings, Jason Smith, Jada Ayala, and Charles Smith; great-grandchildren Taylor Rawlings and Wiley, Elton and Ralph Ayala; great-great-grandchild Easton Rawlings; brother-in-law Darwin Smith; sister-in-law Frances Garrison; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family requests that memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association.