



Carolyn Thurman Smith

March 28, 1943 - January 14, 2023

Carolyn Smith, known as “Terri” by her friends and loved ones, and as “Nina” to her grandchildren, departed this life on Saturday, January 14, 2023 in Columbiana, AL.

Terri was born April 28, 1946 in Knoxville, TN to parents Earl D. and Ada Marie Thurman. She attended the University of Tennessee and became a nurse, an obvious calling given her loving and caring nature.

Terri enjoyed sewing, caring for her plants, and was an animal lover. She had a special place in her heart for her beloved dachshunds: Shelby and Chelsea. She lovingly cared for her most recent pets: Smitty (an elderly dachshund whom she adopted) and Scarlet (her loving chonky Siamese cat).

She is survived by her son: James “Bo” Van Kleeck, Jr. (Samantha J.), whom she lovingly referred to as “Young Son”, of Mobile, AL; her grandchildren: Cheyenne Marie Jean Van Kleeck, James Hoffman Van Kleeck, III, Preston James Van Kleeck, Haley Brook Van Kleeck, Alexis Summer Van Kleeck, and Olivia Jade Munoz; her great-grandchildren: Daniel Van Kleeck, Rhyder Burnett, and Jazzmyne Van Kleeck; and many friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 11AM at Bolton Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Shelby County Humane Society.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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