



## Donna Faye Carden Smitherman

September 8, 1943 - January 28, 2025

Donna Faye Carden Smitherman, age 81, went to be with her Heavenly Father on January 28, 2025.

A visitation will be held Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, at Bolton Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held the next day on February 3, 2025, at 2:00 PM. at Bolton Funeral Home, with a committal service following at Shelby Memory Gardens. Brother William Snider will be presiding.

Donna was the daughter of the late James Edgar Carden and Ethel Vanderslice Carden. She grew up in the Saginaw community and graduated from Thompson High School in 1961, going on to attend the University of Montevallo and graduated from the Samford School of Pharmacy in 1966. She had two sons, Chris and Jeff, that she loved beyond measure. She opened Smitherman's Pharmacy in 1970, serving the Calera community as a pharmacist for more than 38 years. She later worked for CVS Pharmacy until she retired in 2018. She additionally worked as a Real Estate Broker and was co-owner of her own real estate company.

Donna gave her life to her Savior, Jesus Christ, as a teenager. She was a member of Concord Baptist Church and served from the late 1970's until the late 2000's as a Sunday School Teacher at several churches. Her influence on the lives of many of her students serves as a lasting testament to the love that

she had for the Lord.

Donna is preceded in death by her parents: James & Ethel Carden.

Donna is survived by her brother: Alton Eugene Carden (Lucretia); her sister: Rhonda Kay Carden Pickett (Delwyn); her sons: Chris Smitherman and Jeff Smitherman (Kathlene); her beloved granddaughter: Janey Smitherman; her nephew: Richard "Ricky" Carden; her niece: Rachel Pickett Miller (Joe); and her great nephew and nieces: JJ, Anna Caroline, and Eva Grace Miller. She additionally leaves behind many other loved ones, family, friends and associates.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her behalf to the Active Bible Methodist Church in Lawley, AL.

# Cemetery Details

## Shelby Memory Gardens

8586 Hwy 25  
Calera, AL 35040

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolton Funeral Home  
207 Hwy 47 South  
PO Box 4  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
(205) 669-3179

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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207 Hwy 47 South  
PO Box 4  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
(205) 669-3179

## Committal Service

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FEB 3 (CT)

Shelby Memory Gardens  
8586 Hwy 25  
Calera, AL 35040

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ To family and friends of Donna Carden Smitherman,

*In Memory of a Dedicated Pharmacist and friend.*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Donna. As a fellow pharmacist, I had the privilege of witnessing her unwavering dedication and passion for her profession. She earned her position as a pharmacist during a time when the field was predominantly male, a testament to her resilience and determination.*

*Her commitment to her work and her ability to inspire those around her was evident. Her legacy will live on in the countless lives she touched and the many ways she paved the path for future generations.*

*Donna was more than a colleague, but also a cherished friend from childhood. I share your loss.*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the memories you shared and in knowing the profound impact she had on so many.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Lindsay Barton  
Columbus, Georgia*

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**Lindsay Barton** - February 03, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DJ

“ *Dot Frost Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Faye Carden Smitherman.*

Dot Frost Jackson - February 02, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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“ *Dot Frost Jackson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donna Faye Carden Smitherman.*



Dot Frost Jackson - February 02, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Carden Smitherman.*



January 31, 2025 at 06:09 PM

CO

“ *We are saddened to hear of Ms Donna's passing, she was such a light and most precious person, I personally had the honor working alongside her. She was an amazing woman. On behalf of her CVS Family (Columbiana) we send our deepest condolences. She will surely be missed.*



coworkers - January 30, 2025 at 05:01 PM

SW

“ Sending my condolences. Prayers for the family



Sharon Carden wilbanks - January 30, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donna Faye Carden Smitherman.



January 30, 2025 at 02:21 PM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of another precious family member. May God comfort and bless her children and siblings. We love you all. Bobby Joe and Diane Seales



Bobby Joe & Diane Seales - January 30, 2025 at 11:27 AM