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Lois "Neecie" Smith

Aug. 3, 1959 - May 20, 2026

Lois "Neecie" Smith, 66, of Connelly Springs, NC, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Born in Dade County, Florida on August 3, 1959, she was the daughter of the late Arvil Odell Foster and Maude Lois Benfield Foster.

She moved from Florida in 1962 and attended Mt. Gilead Baptist Church as a youth. Neecie coached softball, basketball, and soccer at George Hildebran. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Donald Smith; children, Jeremy Smith (Amanda) and Christine Tessener (Chris); grandchildren, Addison Smith, Colby Smith, Gavin Tessener, Aidan Tessener, Draven Tessener, and Kylianna Tessener; brothers, Terry and Robert Foster; sister, Diane Benge; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Neecie was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Jackie Foster; and sisters, Debbie Stock and Sherry Wilson.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Monday, May 25, 2026 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev. Blain Hudson

officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made Sossoman Funeral Home to help with expenses.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



My heart breaks at this news. I can’t even begin to explain the impact Neecie had on me. Our time spent together may have been short but I have so many many memories. Thank you for the wisdom and guidance I got from you! You are missed.

–Elizabeth Wilson



I am so sorry to hear Neece has passed. You where good friend in high-school. My prayers are with your family. You will be missed. Wanda st.john gibbs.

–Wanda St.John Gibbs

I'm so sorry to hear that Neecie passed. I remember her and the whole Foster family while growing up at Riverside Baptist Church. That was the good ole days but we are all looking forward to the big family reunion in Heaven. May God give the peace and comfort to all the family and friends as only he can. See you on the other side Neecie.

–Debbie Whisenant Calfee

I love you little sister God Blessed me with a sister loved by everyone you were such a loving person now you are in the arms of our Lord !No more pain and suffering breathing that heavenly air Till we meet again I will miss you . Diane

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—Diane Benge

Very sorry for your loss .

—Thomas Marshall



You will be deeply missed neecie I'll cherish all the moments I got to spend with you as a child for the rest of my life I wish we would've stayed connected throughout life I just hope you know it wasn't intentional and I'll regret not getting to see you more the rest of my life we love you so much watch us from heaven and guide us

—Brittany Price