



# Joanne Ruth Smith

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**J**oanne Ruth (Erickson) Smith, age 94, of Lakeland, Florida, entered the presence of her Lord on November 18, 2025. She was born on November 24, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Gust Karl Erickson and Ida Grace (Glasgow) Sleat.

Joanne graduated from Frankford High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She continued her education over the years by taking college classes at Philadelphia College of the Bible, South Florida Community College, and Landmark Baptist College. She was truly a lifelong learner who never lost her love for study and growth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Dexter Smith; her parents, Gust Karl Erickson and Ida Grace (Glasgow) Sleat; her brother, Carl Ivar Erickson; her daughter, Patricia Regina (Robideau) Gifford; her son, Michael Francis Robideau; her granddaughter, Charlotte Danielle Godin; and her great-granddaughter, Alexandra Skye Fisher.

She is survived by her children, Paul T. Robideau of Miami, Florida; Karen Grace (Dan) Godin of Phenix City, Alabama; James A. (Robin) Robideau of North Port, Florida; and Ruth Joan Robideau of Lakeland, Florida; as well as 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly and remembered often in prayer.

Joanne loved music and expressed that love through singing and by playing the accordion, piano, and harp. She instilled a deep love of music in her children, leaving them with many precious memories of songs and hymns shared together.

Above all, Joanne was a devoted Christian lady who was unashamed of her faith. She lovingly and faithfully introduced many to her Saviour and sought to live in a way that honored Him. Her testimony, her music, and her steadfast faith will be remembered with gratitude by all who knew and loved her.



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A memorial service will be held at Victory Church, 1401 Griffin Road, Lakeland, Florida, on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m, with visitation from 10-11 a.m.



# Events

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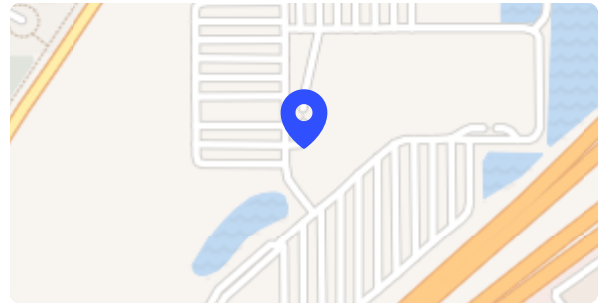
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 4, 2025

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Victory Church**  
1401 Griffin Road, Lakeland FL 33810

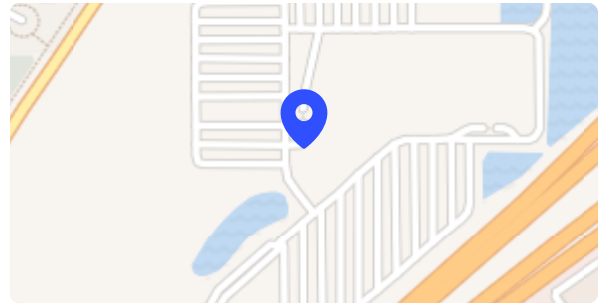


## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Dot Erickson And Family** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.



December 1 at 11:56 PM



**Shannon Daniels** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

It was truly a pleasure taking care of Mrs. Joanne, she was truly a beautiful spirit. I will miss us laughing and singing together. Sleep in peace sweet angel you will truly be missed. ~Shannon~



November 30 at 3:54 AM



**Ruthie Robideau** lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

To my dear Mother, Your enduring love for your family and your faith in Jesus Christ have been the firm rock that you stood upon for almost 70 years. Your faithfulness in these areas, and your consistent joy have marked and shaped my life in so many ways. I thank the LORD for you and I trust Him to keep you well until we are reunited together in heaven. Of the many songs that continue to ring in my heart, Overshadowed and He Leadeth Me seem to continue on an eternal 'repeat' mode! I will continue to sing and keep your songs and your voice alive, until I can hear you sing these again in the glory of heaven. Love, Ruthie  
xxooOvershadowed- (H. A. Ironside) How desolate my life would be, How dark and dreary my nights and days, If Jesus' face I did not see, To brighten all earth's weary ways! I'm overshadowed by His mighty love Love eternal, changeless pure. Overshadowed by His mighty love Rest is mine, serene, secure. He died to ransom me from sin, He lives to keep me day by day, I'm overshadowed by his mighty love, Love that brightens all my way. He Leadeth Me - (Joseph H, Gilmore) He Leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me: his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.



November 21 at 4:54 PM



# Tribute Wall

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**Larry And Melody Dobbs** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joanne.



November 22 at 8:07 AM



**Ruthie Robideau** November 30 at 2:42 AM  
Thank you Larry and Melody.



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Smith family.



November 22 at 8:07 AM



**Ruthie Robideau** November 30 at 2:40 AM  
Thank you



**Tammy Rumberger** sent a virtual gift in honor of Joanne.

Such an Amazing & Beautiful Lady full of Love & Kindness. I remember her picking Ruthie & I up from Awanas always encouraging us and I would love when she prayed. Very Blessed Fond Memories I will Cherish Always. My Deepest Heartfelt condolences to you All. Her Beautiful Soul I will remember. God Bless & Healing. Rest in Peace Angel. Tammy Rumberger



November 21 at 4:54 PM



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Thank you Tammy.



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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