



## **BERNICE SMITH**

October 25, 2009

### Obituary of BERNICE SMITH

Bernice Mallory Smith, 93, of Umatilla, FL passed away Sunday Oct. 25, 2009. Bernice spent her life in Florida. Originally from Ocala, she was a star basketball player for Umatilla High School from which she graduated in 1935. Bernice married Warren Andrew Smith in 1937. They relocated to Miami and began a family, raising two sons, Warren Jr. and Daniel. In 1966, they moved to Newberry, FL. Later in life, Bernice and Warren returned to Umatilla.

Bernice was an accomplished seamstress, cook, and gardener. She surrounded herself with beautiful growing things, often remarking on what a blessing the warm Florida climate was for her garden and for her family. A gracious hostess, Bernice was always quick to welcome others into her home, devoting time and love to those around her. For her five grandchildren, there was no place they would rather spend summers and holidays than with Grandma, 'down in Florida'. An active contributor to the Umatilla Historical Society, Bernice valued family and community connections. She organized the Smith Family Reunion each May, an annual highlight. Bernice was a member of the First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

Bernice was preceded by brothers Bob and Brittan Mallory, sisters Mildred Murphy and Anne Sebekow, and great grandson Zachary Banowsky. Surviving are her husband Warren, sons Warren Jr. of Tarpon Springs and Dan of Ft. Worth, TX, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

### Services

A graveside service will be held on Thursday Oct. 29, 2009 at 1 PM at Umatilla Cemetery

### Interment

Umatilla Cemetery

### Memorials

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Umatilla, 550 Hatfield Drive

# Tribute Wall

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“ We were truly blessed through the years to be a part of Bernice's extended family. Always loving, Always gracious, Always welcoming one with her beautiful smile. She will truly be missed. Our love and prayers are with the entire Smith family.

Barbara and James Hinds - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We wish you comfort and peace in this time of sadness.

Bill and Genie Knox - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so thankful to have known this beautiful woman. Her light will always shine and she will always be in my heart.

Carolyn Fagan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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