



## Rachel D. Smith

July 13, 1921 - November 10, 2022

Rachel York Derr was born on July 13, 1921, on her parents' farm outside Dallas, North Carolina.

Rachel went to be with her Lord on November 10, 2022, after a brief illness, at her home in Leesburg.

She was the youngest daughter of Jacob Dailey Derr and Olive Robinson Derr. She was preceded in death by brothers Jake and John, and sisters Martha, Mable and Elinor, and husbands Irvin W. Richardson, Elmer F. Dykeman and Glenn "Smitty" Smith, and daughter Rachel Anna (Bill) Staton.

Rachel moved to Florida in 1941, to work for the U S Army Construction Quartermaster at Camp Blanding, near Starke. There she met and later married Irvin W. Richardson, of Tavares, FL They were blessed with three daughters, Rachel Anna, Martha Dale and Derlene, settling down in Lady Lake, after the end of WW2.

Rachel loved to sew and quilt, hunt and fish, and loved to cook and can. She also loved her dogs, cats, and riding horses. She recently rode horseback for her 101th birthday! In her earlier years, she was active in First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg and a Lifetime member of Leesburg Chapter #84 Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron 3 times. Due to her love of horses, she was the co-leader of the first 4H Horse Club in Florida. She loved telling

stories of her life experiences and fun times, having lived in Lake County for over 80 years!

She is survived by her daughters, Martha Dale Sereno, of Leesburg, FL and Derrlene (Steve) Smith of Windthorst, Texas, Stepson Robert H. (Teda) of Leesburg, FL 5 granddaughters, 1 grandson, 4 great grandsons, 3 great granddaughters, and 2 great, great grandsons, several nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends, who all miss her!

Grave side services will be held on Saturday, November 26, at 11 a m at Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, FL. In lieu of Flowers, please, make a contribution to Cornerstone Hospice, Tavares, FL.

# Cemetery Details

## Lone Oak Cemetery

306 Thomas Avenue  
Leesburg, FL 34748

# Previous Events

## Graveside Burial

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel D. Smith*



**Beyers Funeral Home** - November 17, 2022 at 08:41 AM

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*She was such a kind and amazing lady. Sadly we loose contact when we get older but I can remember getting the best hugs when I was younger growing up in Lady Lake. She lived an amazing life doing the things she loved to do & being with her family. She came, she saw, she did.. God had a purpose as he now has an everlasting purpose for her in his eternal life in heaven. You will be missed by those who knew & loved you dearly, soar with the Angels in heaven!! Martha Dale, thanks for sharing this wonderful tribute about your moms life💕🙏*

**Gayle Lee Negri** - November 17, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rachel D. Smith.*



November 19, 2022 at 08:58 AM

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**Jae Roberts** - November 18, 2022 at 06:54 PM

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**Jae Roberts** - November 18, 2022 at 06:51 PM