



Stella Marie Smith

June 18, 1953 - November 1, 2025

In Loving Celebration of Stella Marie Tharp Smith

Stella Marie Tharp Smith, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born on June 18, 1953 along with her twin sister Ella, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Stella lived a life devoted to faith, family, and service. Known for her kindness, grace, and generous spirit, she dedicated countless hours volunteering at community events, church fundraisers, and local schools. Her warm smile and gentle encouragement made everyone feel valued and welcomed.

Stella married the love of her life, Aaron Smith in 2006. Together they built a home filled with laughter, faith, and unconditional love.

Family was the heart of Stella's world. She cherished Sunday dinners, family vacations, and every opportunity to gather her loved ones together. Her legacy of kindness, service, and love will continue to inspire those who were blessed to know her.

She was a faithful member of the Regina Chapter No.67 Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Rite of Adoption Oakland, California where she served as the Worthy Matron, Grand Order of the Eastern Star Queen for the state of California and numerous office positions.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Kimberly, grandmothers Ruth Grayson and Estella Rosemon, grandfather, great grand mother and father Virginia and Peter Hester and her loving relatives.

Stella is also survived by her siblings, Ella Tharp of Midwest City, Terri Tharp of Midwest City, Carlton Tharp of Midwest City, Keith Tharp of Midwest City, Gary Tharp of Sapulpa Terri Tharp of Midwest City, Artemus Tharp of Oklahoma City, Ethan Tharp of Beggs, Uncle Billy J. Demery of Beggs, Oklahoma, Aunt Betty Williams of Spencer, Oklahoma and many dear friends who became like family.

Cemetery Details

Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16
Beggs, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church-South
8150 Highway 16
Beggs, OK 74421

Tribute Wall

GG

“ To the family of my classmate: I was truly saddened to hear of Stella's transition to our heavenly Father's house. She was super funny when we were in school, always keeping us laughing. May she rest in peace! G. (Johnson) Golden

Glenda Golden - November 07, 2025 at 08:17 PM

EJ

Stella Mae as I called her for years. We worked together for my whole career and we belonged to the same Eastern Star Chapter, Regina #67. When Stella served as Associate Conductress, and Conductress she taught me how to setup the Chapter room alone. Then she ran for Golden state Grand Chapter Queen, and of course she won, and another wholesome celebration .Always humorous with flair, but she was straight forward and on point! Finally I called her my schoolteacher masquerading as a Federal employee! To me a great Supervisor, that took care of her employees far as I know of! Get Your rest, You Won the Battle!

Ernest Maiden Johnson
Past Right Worshipful Grand Worthy Patron

Ernest M. Johnson - November 08, 2025 at 02:57 PM

MM

“ Beautiful Stella & her husband were neighbors of my daughter in Oakland. When I visited I often had the pleasant opportunity to visit with them, after Stella left Oakland we kept in touch, she will be very missed.

Love,
Maire & Ron

Maire Machens - November 07, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ A friend of Stellas from the Oakland Postal Service sorry to hear of her passing. She was a friend of mine one ❤️ peace.
Monte

Monte Brown - November 06, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ I've know Stella all my life, we grew up in Beggs together. They lived down the street from me as a child and we played together. I'm deeply sorry for her passing. I will keep the family in my prayers.



Kathryn Colbert - November 06, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ I met Stella and her twin Ella at Langston University in 1972 and our friendship immediately bloomed into sisterhood. It was six of us and we referred to ourselves as roommates and from there, the Tharps became my extended family. There's not enough space to share what a beautiful Stella was inside and out. The stories I could share would have you in stitches. Loving, caring, wise beyond her years, humorous, and a true friend to all who crossed her path. I thank God for my "sister" and for her allowing me to become a part of her family. Rest peacefully Stella in the arms of our Savior. I love you Sis. ❤️

Nannette Sanders Thomas - November 06, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ *When i started at the USPS in 1980, Stella and i was in the same unit. We got to talking and somehow birthdate came up. Hers was June 18, and mine was June 19. Instant connection from that point on. We shared many laughs and talks over the years until i left in 2006. To the family, my deepest condolences at the transition of Stella. Lee Charles*

Lee Charles - November 06, 2025 at 02:28 PM