



## Bonita B. Smoak

January 30, 1931 - June 13, 2016

Bonita B. Smoak, 85, beloved wife of Donald McCoy Smoak of Conway, SC joined God's heavenly choir of angels on June 13, 2016. Born in Conway, Bonita was the daughter of Emerson T. and Bonnie Cox Bellamy and was one of six children. A member of the First United Methodist Church of Conway, SC and Chancel Choir for over 60 years, she sang many solos for church services, weddings and funeral services and was a regular soloist for the Men's Hut Bible Class where she was a favorite for over 40 years.

As a true southern lady, Bonita was loved and admired for her sweet spirit and faithfulness to her family, friends and church. Well known for her love of music and beautiful soprano voice, she had a way of telling a story when she sang. Music was the vessel she used to inspire others to a Christ-like life.

Bonita was employed as an optical technician with James M. Marshall, MD in Conway for over 35 years, then continued with Phillip Hillen, MD until her retirement.

In January 2016 she was preceded in death by her son, Neal Emerson Smoak(Dana) and is survived by her husband, the love of her life for 66 years, Donald McCoy Smoak, three daughters, Donna S. Watts (Ted) ,Murrells Inlet, Beth S. Hagwood (Woody) Conway and Rachel S. Ballenger (Gil), Charleston, a Daughter-In-Law Dana Kelsey Smoak of Travelers Rest, a brother, Clarence

Bellamy (Johnnie) of Columbia, seven grandchildren, Matthew Watts(Rebecca), Hope Smoak Connolly( Joseph), Fletcher Smoak (Erica), Gage Ballenger, Evan Ballenger, Reid O'Quinn Hagwood, Elizabeth Hagwood and seven great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation Thursday, June 16 from 6 to 8 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. A Memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1001 5th Ave, Conway, SC at 2:00 PM Friday, June 17, 2016 officiated by Rev. Kyle Randle, with a short visitation prior to the service in the commons area of the church. Services will conclude at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the First United Methodist Church, Conway, SC or Help4Kids.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) <<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 248-4211  
[info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Conway  
1001 5th Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.fumcconway.org/>

## Memorial Service

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JUN 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Don, I'm so sorry to hear about your wife's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Ann Roberson*



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**Ann Roberson** - June 17, 2016 at 12:01 PM

CP

“ What a wonderful and kind woman you were Bonita. You always made me feel as part of your family. I will never forget the Christmas that you and Don spent with my Mom and Dad at Donnas house. I have wonderful memories of being at your home for dinners and watching Beth and Rachel grow up.



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**Cynthia Petranic** - June 17, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bonita B. Smoak.



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June 17, 2016 at 11:11 AM

CH

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Donna & Ted Watts,  
& Smoak family.*

*Your coworker and friend,  
Cheryl*



**cheryl** - June 17, 2016 at 10:22 AM

ET

“ *Mr. Donald, Donna, Beth & Rachel...your loss is beyond words....so words cannot convey my sorrow. Just know I'm thinking of you all and love you. Your wife and Mom was a beautiful soul and now.....Heaven's Choir sounds a lot better.* ❤️

**Eve Lambert Taylor** - June 17, 2016 at 09:37 AM

NA

“ *So very sorry about your loss my prayers are with you all Nanette (Conbraco)*

**Nanette** - June 17, 2016 at 03:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonita B. Smoak.*



June 17, 2016 at 12:22 AM



“ *My prayers for strength and comfort to you all during this difficult time. Bonita is now singing beautiful eternal praises to our Lord with joyful love!*

Karen Kelsey Littlefield - June 16, 2016 at 09:47 PM

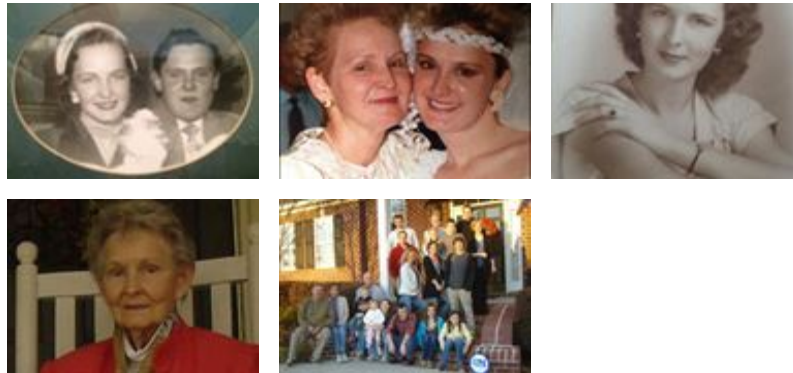
PL

“ *I have the childhood memories of great times spent on playdates and sleep overs with Donna in the Smoak home in Conway. Mrs. Bonita was always very sweet and soft spoken and I always felt comfortable there. I am sorry for your loss and I know she will be greatly missed by everyone in your family. Prayers for comfort for all of you.*

Paula Martin Lewis - June 16, 2016 at 03:48 PM



“ *67 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - June 16, 2016 at 11:59 AM

BT

*I knew, my faithful friend, Bonita, for many, many years and have always loved her as the sweet and lovable human being, that she was. I feel blessed to have known this beautiful child of God. May she rest in peace in his loving arms, forever.....*

Billie Thompson - June 16, 2016 at 04:51 PM

TS

“ *Heaven just received another Angel's voice and Spirit.  
Tom, Vicky, Mark Stroupe and Frankie Stroupe McNeill.  
Our prayers are with you all.*

Tom Stroupe - June 16, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for  
the family of Bonita B. Smoak.*



June 15, 2016 at 11:16 PM

BH

“ *Bud and Evelyn Holbert purchased the Pink Tribu  
te Spray for the family of Bonita B. Smoak.*



Bud and Evelyn Holbert - June 15, 2016 at 04:04 PM

FS

“ *From RSFH Women's Services purchased the Si  
mply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of  
Bonita B. Smoak.*



From RSFH Women's Services - June 15, 2016 at 10:21 AM

JH

“ June 14, 2016

*I did not have the honor to be around Bonita very much as I have never lived in Conway, but the I was always so inspired by her gentle, almost angelic nature. She also had the voice of an angel. In fact, she sang at the funeral of my father (Dr. Claude R. Harper). Bonita was related to me on my mother's side. My mother is Lois Harper Vaught. Since I heard that Bonita was not doing well, I have certainly had her and her family in my thoughts and prayers. I have no doubt that she is sharing her beautiful voice in heaven now. On behalf of my mother and my family, I would like to send my deepest condolences to Don and the rest of the family. My God comfort you and give you peace knowing that His loving servant, Bonita, has gone home to be with Him.*

*Joanie Harper  
Dallas, Texas*

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**Joanie Harper** - June 15, 2016 at 09:35 AM

WB

“ Wayne Ballenger purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Bonita B. Smoak.



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**Wayne Ballenger** - June 14, 2016 at 02:30 PM