



## Christine Smithers

April 3, 1933 - February 1, 2022

Christine (Tucker) Smithers, 88, of Camby, peacefully passed into the gates of heaven on February 1, 2022. She was born on April 3, 1933, in Taylor County, KY, one of six children, to the late Wilbur and Virgie Tucker.

Raised in the hills and hollers of Kentucky, Christine alongside her siblings worked the tobacco fields in her youth. With a longing for a more prosperous life, she made the northern trek to Indiana as a young adult, finding love and starting her abundant family, including 11 children. When life together didn't work out with her first husband, Christine rose to the challenge of single motherhood, taking the task by the reins and mastering it.

For a brief period, she secured employment with Diamond Chain in Indianapolis, but her true calling was being a devoted mother and grandmother; nurturing, loving, and tending to her large family's needs. The rock of the household, she ensured all were fed. When the kids were grown, she met and married the man she would spend 38 glorious years with, Paul. He in turn tended to her needs, safeguarding her every want or necessity.

Her guilty pleasures included finding deals at yard sales, watching her favorite televangelist Charles Stanley every Sunday, and pampering herself at the salon. Above all Christine held family high, and she utterly relished in spending quality time with her enormous and adoring circle. Fiery to the core

and stubborn at times, she was resilient to the end. There will never be another matriarch that could give and receive love the way Christine did. She will be endlessly missed by all who were privileged to know her.

Along with her parents, Christine was preceded in death by her husband Paul Smithers; siblings Alvis and Willie Gunter, Mary Lee Grivens, Nellie Southwood, and Susie; along with her children Linda McMaster, Geraldine Blair, Phyllis Leira, Carolyn Sifuentes, and Michael Gunter.

She leaves behind her children Rosie Puttoff of Underwood, James Gunter (Anna Lou) of Morgantown, Robert Gunter (Elaine) of Monrovia, Joe Gunter (Laraine) of Mooresville, Ricky Gunter (Vicky) of Indianapolis, and Connie Smith (George) of Palm Bay, FL; along with 30 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to gather for visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Friday, February 4, 2022, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia, with a Celebration of Life Service beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Jerry Hillenburg will officiate, and a private burial will be held later in Floral Park Cemetery. To share a favorite story, send an online condolence to the family, or light a candle in Christine's memory, please search @MonroviaFuneralHome on social media or visit her tribute page at [www.lightmemorial.com](http://www.lightmemorial.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Park Cemetery

425 N Holt Rd  
Indianapolis, IN 46222

# Previous Events

## Friends & Family Gathering

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel  
585 East Main Street  
Monrovia, IN 46157  
(317) 996-2101  
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Christine Smithers.*



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February 04, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Your Nachi co-workers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine Smithers.*



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**Your Nachi co-workers** - February 04, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Michael Burch & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Christine Smithers.*



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**Michael Burch & Family** - February 03, 2022 at 08:04 PM

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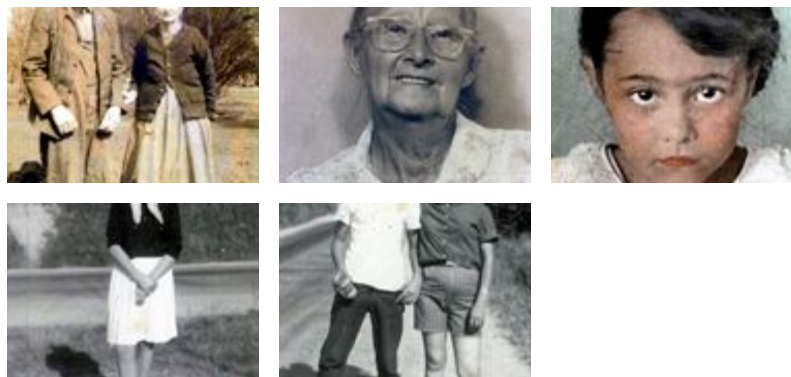
“ My oh my, how I'm going to miss your sweet sweet spirit. You have been in my life over half of my life. You were such a special person who always had such a happiness on you. I don't think I ever seen you upset. I'm so thankful my sister married your son 44 years ago. I have to say I feel honored to have had you in my life, and I will surely miss our little chit chats of the past. God Bless your family with comfort and peace at this time. We will see you on the other side with Jesus. XOXO 🥰



Jule/Joey Sampley - February 02, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ 133 files added to the album LifeTributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - February 02, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christine Smithers.



February 02, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Smithers.*



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February 02, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *You will be deeply missed you always had a beautiful smile and was a awesome mom raising all them children by yourself my heart is really heavy at this time but I am praying for Joe,Laraine the boys and all of the family she was so so strong and was blessed to live 88 years may you rest in heaven Christine I loved you so much*



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**Mildred Hazel** - February 01, 2022 at 08:03 PM



*Christine was a strong, beautiful, friendly lady. Though I am not blood related I feel part of her family. Through Jim and Anna is how I met her. The one thing I thought of whenever we seen Christine was how her pretty smile lit up her face, She is lighting up the heavens now. She is at peace and in the Lords arms. My prayers go out for her family and that through Jesus they will receive the peace and comfort they need right now and everyday.  
Love and God Bless,  
Margie Roberts*

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**Margie Roberts** - February 02, 2022 at 11:23 AM