



Barbara Nielsen

October 16, 2007

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Barbara Ellen Smith Nielsen, 57, passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at The Med in Memphis, TN.

Mrs. Nielsen had lived in Drew, MS for the last 17 years after moving there from Oxford, MS. She was employed as an instructor at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS. Mrs. Nielsen was active in the Adult Choir at Drew United Methodist Church where she was a member, the Council on Ministries for the Drew United Methodist Church, Drew Garden Club, MS Hospitality Restaurant Association, MS Association of Career and Technical Educators, MS Post-Secondary Marketing Educators, MS Delta Epsilon Chi/DECA, MS DECA Alumni Division, Jim Bowers DECA Foundation, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Scion Evolution Memphis Chapter. She received her Masters' degree from the University of Mississippi.

Visitation will be held Sunday, October 21, 2007, from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Monday, October 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in the Coleman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rob Grant and Bro. Brad Sartor officiating. Interment will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery in Oxford, MS. Coleman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two sons, Erik L. Nielsen and wife, Lenore, of Olive Branch, MS and Will Nielsen of Oxford, MS; one daughter, Kristi Nielsen of Oxford, MS; her mother, Bettie R. Smith of Oxford, MS; two brothers, Vick Smith of Oxford, MS and Danny Smith and wife, Nancy, of Alexandria, VA; two grandsons, Taylor Vaughters and Trenton Nielsen, both of Olive Branch, MS; a niece, C. J. Withrow of Oxford, MS; a nephew, Christopher Smith of Alexandria, VA; two great-nieces, Gabrielle and Alli Withrow of Oxford, MS and one great-nephew, Harrison Withrow of Oxford, MS.

Mrs. Nielsen was preceded in death by her father, William Van Smith.

Memorials may be sent to Tim Gilmore, 111 Oak Drive, Booneville, MS 38829, where they will be disbursed to Barbara's favorite charities.