



Billie Nash Smelley

May 2, 1929 - March 27, 2026

Billie Nash Smelley, a resident of Montgomery, Texas passed away on March 27, 2026, at the age of 96, surrounded by family members. She was born May 2, 1929 in Corrigan, Texas.

Billie (known to many as "Mama Bill") was a strong, outgoing, and accomplished lady. She married her beloved spouse of 58 years, Alton B. Smelley, as soon as he returned from World War II. Alton then went to work at Hughes Tool Company in Houston, where he spent his entire career. In later years, they explored much of the United States and Canada in various RVs and took a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Billie was a loving mother and grandmother and faithful friend to many. During her work career, she served as church secretary or pastor's secretary at several churches including Bellaire Baptist and College Park Baptist. Her many interests and talents included painting landscapes and wildlife, doll making, quilting, and cooking.

She was a long time member Benui Baptist Church in Montgomery and a devoted student of the Bible. She was also a member of the April Sound Country Club, its Ladies Association, and various groups.

She is survived by her daughter Olivia and husband James Holland, son James Smelley and wife Toni, son William Smelley and wife Debbie; grandson Jason Smelley, wife Kimberly and son Collin; grandson Jonathan Smelley and son Jacob; granddaughter Amanda Jones, husband Ty, daughter Chloe and son Zachary; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in

death by her parents James Otis Nash and Coleta Stovall Nash, her husband Alton, her son Gary Smelley, and her grandson Van Holland.

Visitation will be held in the Chapel of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis, Texas from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 4, 2026. The Funeral Service will be held in the same chapel at 11:00 AM on April 4, 2026 with Rev. John C. Lockwood officiating. Interment will be in the Smith Memorial Park Cemetery adjoining Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, with a reception following.

Cemetery Details

Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W
Willis, TX 77318

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W
Willis, TX 77318

Funeral Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Interment following service

APR 4. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Smith Memorial Park
10129 FM 1097 Rd W
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Reception following interment

APR 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billie Nash Smelley*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - April 02 at 03:17 PM

MU

“ *Marie U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie Nash Smelley.*

Marie U. - April 04 at 11:45 AM

EM

“ I met Mama Bill six years ago when we were lucky enough to land on the same Canasta team. Her country charm was immediately noticed and admired by me. She was outspoken, down to earth, said what was on her mind and knew the art of playing Canasta better than most. You never had to wonder what was on Mama Bills mind as she never hesitated to tell you. She was warm and loving, quick to praise and loved her entire family fiercely. She loved to talk about her travels, her parents and siblings, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and her favorite soap opera. Every weekday at a specific time, that tv came on and she would catch up on her beloved characters. Not missing a word nor a plot twist.

I will greatly miss our long talks of our past and our future. She may have been 96 years young but, she had plans for all of her tomorrows.

Fly High Mama Bill. You will never be forgotten.

Elizabeth McDaniel

Elizabeth McDaniel - April 03 at 10:29 AM

EM

“ Elizabeth McDaniel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billie Nash Smelley.



Elizabeth McDaniel - April 03 at 10:05 AM

TF

“ *The Fifield Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Billie Nash Smelley.*



The Fifield Family - April 03 at 09:54 AM

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“ *The Fifield Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie Nash Smelley.*

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