



Janis Ann "Jan" Legendre Smith

August 2, 1943 - August 18, 2025

Janis Ann "Jan" Legendre Smith, 82, of LaPlace, Louisiana, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2025. She was born on August 2, 1943, in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and for the past 52 years made her home in LaPlace.

Throughout her life, Jan was known for her kindness, strength, and her deep love of serving others. She found joy in music and painting, and she was a world traveler who delighted in visiting her daughters wherever in the world they lived. She also nurtured a large collection of cookbooks, reflecting her love of learning and sharing meals with those she loved. As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, her faith guided her life and inspired her to serve selflessly, finding purpose in her church community and giving her time and talents to help others.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Thomas "Tom" Smith, who passed on July 26, 1998. Together they built a family rooted in faith, love, service, and resilience.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, Murphy Joseph Legendre and Iola Marie Theriot; and her siblings, Sharon Hernandez (Frank) and Leonard Legendre (June).

She is survived by her daughters, Jaimee Lee Smith Kesterson Clayton

(Kristopher) and Jennifer Smith Brunet. She was a devoted grandmother to Thomas, Zachary (Zak), Janelle, and Natalee Kesterson, and Amber Clayton Bassett (Benjamin) and Angela Clayton, as well as great grandson Elijah, who will remember her for her gentleness, steady encouragement, and unwavering love.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 15 Palmetto Drive, LaPlace, Louisiana. A viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. The service will also be streamed live for those unable to attend in person.

On Tuesday, August 26, Jan, along with her husband Tom, will be laid to rest at Mobile Memorial Gardens in Mobile, Alabama. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers, and support during this time.

Cemetery Details

Mobile Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Mobile, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
15 Palmetto Dr.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Millet Guidry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janis Ann "Jan" Legendre Smith



Millet Guidry Funeral Home - August 22, 2025 at 01:48 PM

SM

Han was a sweet, caring person. She was loved by many and she loved many. She will be missed

susan Van Matte - August 22, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SC

Sister Jan was a very loving lady who cared about others so much. And I will always cherish the time that we spent together. She was one in a million kind of lady. She loved Jesus and loved to share Jesus love with others. She will be greatly missed by so many of us. Rest in peace Sister Jan. We will see you again someday.

Susan Cantrell - August 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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My heart is sad for the loss of your mother but I also think of the reunion with your dad. They finally together. It's exciting!!! Please keep in touch. I left my phone number on the book. May she rest in peace now.

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