



Vicki Kloke Smith

May 8, 1953 - May 7, 2024

Vicki Kloke Smith, age 70, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 4:09 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Vicki served 45 years in public education before serving as the first Principal of Arrow Classical Education program at Henderson's First Baptist Church; a dream of hers come to life. In her almost 5 decades of service, Vicki was an instructor at Murray State and Western Kentucky Universities. She also served as a mentor for students at Campbellsville University. In addition, she served as middle school teacher and curriculum specialist for Ohio County Schools. Vicki was the last Principal for Central Elementary and the first Principal for Central Academy. She was most proud of her final assignment as Principal of Arrow Classical Education.

Above all else, Vicki was a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin. Her family and friends meant the world to her and she was so proud of them.

In addition to her parents, Oscar and Marilyn Kloke, Vicki was preceded in death by brothers: Donald "Butch" Kloke, Steve Kloke, and Robby Kloke.

Vicki is survived by her husband of 27 years, Allen W. Smith; daughter Angela

Dawn Smith (Sammy) of Manitou, KY; son Joshua Smith (Cindy) of Franklin, KY; sister Joyce Burdon (Tim) of Fredonia, KY; brother John Kloke (Betsy) of Henderson, KY; grandchildren Colbie Smith and Katelyn Durban; great grandchildren: Avery and Rhett Smith, Amelia Durban, and Zoe Smith; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to Vicki's Life Celebration from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home and again on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. at Henderson's First Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the church with Reverend Sam Hinkson officiating. Burial will follow at Smith Mills Cemetery in Smith Mills, KY.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Arrow Classical Education, <https://fbchenderson.org/arrowclassicaleducation/>.

The family would like to offer a special word of thanks to Dana Ford for the devoted support and care she gave Vicki in their time of need and the staff at the Lucy Smith King Care Center for their exceptional care of Vicki.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Online condolences may be made at www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Smith Mills Cemetery

Previous Events

Life Celebration

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
629 S. Green St.
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 827-3535
email@bentonglunttapp.com
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

Life Celebration

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Henderson's First Baptist Church
307 Center Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vicki Kloke Smith*



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - May 10, 2024 at 05:12 PM

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“ *She was dedicated to family. She was a kind soul.*

Diane Rye - May 19, 2024 at 01:21 AM

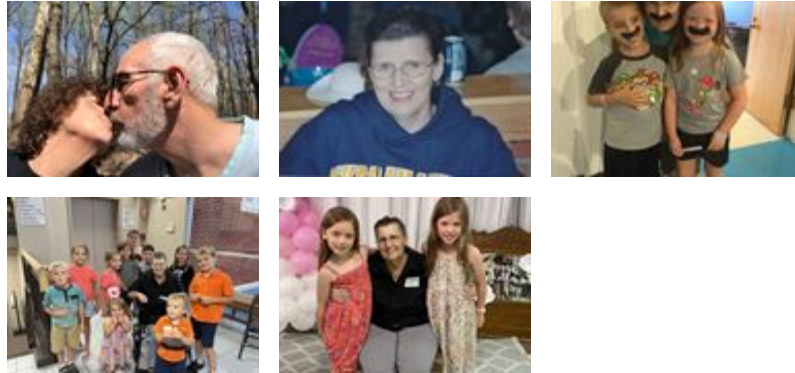
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“ *Vicki, was exceptional! Her heart was big and she shared it so well. When simply speaking with her, she made you realize you would want to be a better person. The loss is great.....condolences and God's blessings to all the family. Freida*

Freida Sauer Grossman - May 10, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ 99 files added to the album Life Tributes



Benton-Glunt Funeral Home - May 10, 2024 at 10:36 AM

JR

“ Being upbeat with enthusiasm, I was so impressed by Vicki Kloke as she led a workshop for Ohio County Preschool teachers. She could dramatically read "Chick Chicka Boom" with gusto bringing out the delight that we were encouraged to exhibit with our children. When I moved on to Ohio County Middle School, Vicki was the Language Arts District Coordinator who again led delightful workshops. Then, she met a man, fell head-over-heels in love, married, and moved to a position in her new location. We hated to lose this delightful lady who was indeed an inspiration. Where ever she was, we knew she'd be successful.

I did not know about her illness and thus, am shocked and saddened by her death. Condolences to her husband, children, and the families. She will most certainly be missed.

Judy Russell, retired OCMS Teacher

Judy Russell - May 09, 2024 at 09:31 PM

MD

“ I loved this lady. She believed in me and gave me a chance working with the children at CLC. Mrs. Vicki was truly a special person.

Melanie Draper - May 09, 2024 at 02:05 AM

JS

“ Prayers for the family we will miss her



Jeffrey Skaggs - May 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM

CS

“ Praying for the family she will be missed



Carla Skaggs - May 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM