



Mrs. Sandra Smith Lewis

October 5, 1942 - February 19, 2026

Mrs. Sandra Smith Lewis, age 83, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2026, at her home, after an extended illness. Sandra was born on October 5, 1942, at home in Appling County. After finishing high school at Appling County High School, she rode a Trailways bus to and from Macon weekly to take a year-long medical technology course. She returned to Baxley to work at Appling General Hospital, then under the administration of Stanley Crews, with John Creamer as head of the lab. Soon after, she was offered a job with Dr. J.A. Bedingfield, and this working relationship lasted for over 37 years. She retired in 1999 due to a battle with arthritis.

Sandra was a member of Red Oak Missionary Baptist Church, where, in 1992, she always said that in a Bible study, Reverend Robert Wigley “opened the Bible to me.” She was reared around the family plant company, Smith Plant Company, and in later years owned by her brother Denny. This is where her love for plants and flowers began and lasted throughout her life.

Additionally, she had a deep passion for taking care of sick people. “In her own words, I love taking care of all of God’s creatures”. For many years, she worked alongside Dr. James A. Bedingfield. She also enjoyed reading and studying about history and would share a multitude of information. She spent much time, and loved penning notes of encouragement and cards of well wishes, and of course, each was signed and a scripture attached. She was an avid shopper at Belk’s, Penney’s, Ross, and PetSmart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold E. and Eula Overstreet

Smith, a sister, Sheila Kay Smith, and a brother, Denny E. Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Staten Lewis, Jr.; a sister, Deborah Parker; a sister-in-law, Audrey Hughes Smith, along with many nieces and nephews, two great-great nephews, one great-great niece, and a dog named Chloe.

A Funeral Service will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. at Red Oak Missionary Baptist Church, with Brothers Tommy Daniels, Rick Bown, Robert Wigley, and Ron Ross officiating. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers are Harrison Reddy, Austen Peacock, Kobe Altman, Carroll Weaver, Sammie Peacock, and Jordan Greenwich.

Honorary Pallbearers will be all in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Gideons International.

Nobles Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Sandra Smith Lewis.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Red Oak Baptist Church Cemetery
4070 Red Oak Rd.
Baxley, GA 31513

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Sandra was such a gracious and kind lady that I had the good fortune to work next door to in the Bedingfield building . She will be missed by many, many people! My condolences to Staten and all of her family.*



Emmett Johnson - March 01 at 05:40 PM

TR

“ *Sandra you will dearly be missed I thinks about the nights we shared together sitting up late at night talking you were a very sweet person and I pray to always remember our talks. Staten you were a good husband May The Lord Give You Strenght Each And Every Day. Love Teresa!*



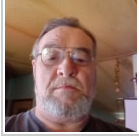
Teresa A Rogers - February 22 at 05:34 PM



“ *Kenneth Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sandra Smith Lewis*



Kenneth Thornton - February 22 at 06:31 AM



“ So Sorry For Your Lost Will Be Praying For The family Mrs. Sandra Was Always a Kind and Caring Person Me and my dad Worked For her And Mr. Staten She Found Out I Collected NASCAR Items And She Gave Me Some Richard Petty Items That I Will always Treasure She Will Be greatly Missed

Kenneth Thornton - February 22 at 06:30 AM



“ To Staten and all of the family. Jack and I are so sad to hear of the death of Sandra. She was such a sweet and beautiful person and everyone who knew her just loved her. I can still remember the many times that I went to

Doctor B's office and loved to see her there. If the visit involved a shot, I was terrified, but she was right there with me to soothe the "prick of the dreaded needle" and that really helped me to make it through the visit! Sandra will be so missed by so many, but she will never be forgotten by all the people she helped through the many, many years as a skilled and loving nurse and a dear friend!



Jack and Marianne Harrell McMillan - February 21 at 07:43 PM



“ "Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our GOD" (Psalms 92:13).



Wanda S. Gould - February 21 at 04:08 PM

CT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms Sandra was such a kind loving soul and so beautiful. Fly high sweet lady!

cheryl tillman - February 21 at 12:14 PM

JD

“ Rest in Peace Sandra. You will be missed.
Jill & Harry Dasher



Jill Dasher - February 21 at 11:38 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sandra Smith Lewis.



February 21 at 11:21 AM

EC

“ I loved Sandra and how gently she took care of me when I had to go to the Dr. growing up. I will never forget those years and hiw kind she always was and with a beautiful smile. Sending love to Staten and the families.

elizaBeth Mincey Corbitt - February 21 at 02:54 AM

AD

“ I was so very sorry to hear this news. Sandra was such a special person and a true classic, southern lady. She will be missed greatly. I have many good memories of her, beginning with my early days when I went to Dr. Bedingfield's office where she was always there with a smile, to our time together at Red Oak Church. My prayers are with her family.



Alex Dixon - February 20 at 09:52 PM

ED

“ Sandra and I were childhood friends that grew up together in the Red Oak community. I loved her and her family dearly. She was so special to me as a friend throughout the years. She was a wonderful person and an excellent nurse. My heart breaks to hear this news, but I know that she is now at peace with our Lord and Savior. To her family...please know that you are in my prayers. With my deepest sympathy and love, Esther



Esther Walker Dixon - February 20 at 09:34 PM

DM

“ Sandra, was so kind just a jewel!! Best nurse, sweetest personality, caring, helpful, she was our family nurse for years! Our prayers are with you all! This is Heavens gain!

Dianne Dyal Medders and Tim Medders - February 20 at 03:54 PM

DC

“ There's not enough words to describe this sweet,loving amazing lady . She was a true gem and will missed by everyone that knew and loved her .

Diane Hutcheson Collins - February 20 at 03:50 PM

DA

“ Mrs. Sandra was such a sweet lady. I remember her from my childhood at Dr. Bedingfield's office. A beautiful lady inside and out.

Deborah McMillan Adams - February 20 at 03:37 PM

KR

“ Heaven just gained the most beautiful nurse there ever was. Praying for all of you. Krystal Dyal Heider

Krystal - February 19 at 12:44 PM

LW

She was one sweet lady as well as a nurse knew her for many years

Linda Williams - February 19 at 09:18 PM

WT

Loved her at Dr.Bedingfield's office ,sweet sweet lady ❤️

William Tharpe - February 20 at 09:21 AM

WR

So sorry. Praying for the family. I think about everyone in Appling County knew her.I remember her from Dr. Bedingfields office. Always had a smile and a sweet disposition.

willard reese - February 20 at 09:55 AM

KH

Prayers for Mr. Staten & family, as well as all her many friends. I will always remember her as "Dr. Bedingfield's nurse". She was so beautiful and neat, perfectly dressed and groomed. I always thought she could have been a runway model and looked as if she had just "stepped out of a magazine". As beautiful as she was outside, she was just as beautiful inside. Nice, polite, sweet, attentive, smart, and if you had to "get a shot" you hoped she would be the one to give it. She was a friend to all, young and old alike.

Karen Igou Holcomb - February 20 at 04:58 PM

DC

MY FAMILY..loved..Sandra so very much..She was rare jewel to us all...she will be missed. THEY JUST DONT make em..any.more like Sandra..

DEBBIE Dyal Carter - February 20 at 05:16 PM

DT

"It is with deep love to remember Ms. Sandra. She was the most beautiful nurse inside and out, known for wearing her traditional all-white uniform and honored to wear her nurse's hat. She was full of compassion, kindness, a gentle spirit, a gorgeous smile, and love. She was a blessing to our family. Praying for all." Darrell and Susan Taylor

Darrell and Susan Taylor - February 21 at 12:55 PM

BW

Sandra was a wonderful caring person. I am so sorry for your loss, Staten. Bonita Wright

Bonita Wright - February 23 at 10:37 AM