



## Eva Jean Smitherman

August 24, 1927 - August 24, 2012

Smitherman, Eva Jean, age 85, of Hoover, went to be with the Lord on August 24, 2012. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Erskine Ramsey "Buck" Smitherman and her parents Sam and Martha Eva Duke. She is survived by her children, Gene Smitherman (Suzanne) of Chattanooga, TN, Jan Padalino (Mike) of Birmingham, AL, Barry Smitherman (Marsha) of Franklin, TN, and Julie Rich (Scott) of Atlanta, GA. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Matthew Smitherman (Jen) and Eleanor Smitherman of Seattle, WA, Caroline Henry (Patrick) of Georgetown, Guyana, South America, Lauren Nichols (Hunter) and Meredith Haughton (Roger) of Mountain Brook, AL, Scott Kilpatrick (Lauren) and Ryan Kilpatrick of Atlanta, GA, Carol Ragin (Marc) of Madison, WS, Connie Rich of Cambridge, England, Katie Smitherman and William Smitherman of Franklin, TN, and four precious great grandchildren (and one of the way), Rollins Haughton of Mountain Brook, AL, Charlie Smitherman of Seattle, WA and Norah Henry and Katherine Eva "Little Eva" Henry of Georgetown, Guyana, South America. Eva Jean grew up and lived most of her adult life in Bessemer, AL, and later moved to Hoover, AL. Whether she was serving as a Deacon at First Presbyterian of Bessemer or later serving as an active member of Valleydale Church, coordinating activities for the "No Name Club" which she founded, or hosting the Southlake Community Bible Study weekly for 14 years at her home, Eva Jean was always found helping others with a big smile on her face. Before you could finish telling her about a need, she had found a solution and

a way to help. Most recently, Eva Jean lived in the Danberry at Inverness community. There she founded a weekly church service for the members and started the annual Danberry Fashion Show. An avid sports fan, you would often find her cheering for Alabama football, making her March Madness basketball brackets or watching a NASCAR race. But, her most favorite pastime was spending time with her family and doing things for them. She was known for sending uplifting cards and gifts to family members and surprising friends and loved ones with random acts of kindness. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Andrea White, Leah Ashworth-Edge, CRNP, the 7th floor nurses and patient care assistants of Brookwood Hospital and Amedisys Hospice. Please join Eva Jean's family in celebrating her life on Tuesday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian of Bessemer, 1723 Third Ave. North, Bessemer, AL. Visitation will take place at the church one hour before the service. Burial will be at Valhalla Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Presbyterian Children's Home located in Talladega, AL.

# Tribute Wall

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**Bob and Debbie Butterworth** - September 17, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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**Carolyn Brewer** - September 17, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Please share the following condolences with the family of Eva Smitherman: Our sympathies to Gene and his family in the loss of his mother. My mother, Marjorie Rutledge Hancock, went to school with Eva Jean, and in addition to that, my father, G.C. Hancock worked at Woodward for many years with Buck. Gene may recall working during college days at Woodward with me during the summer. My mother, Marjorie, is nearly 90, lives with me now. We think of your mom and dad fondly. Thank you, Brenda Hancock Hastings 09/10/2012 06:37:46 PM*

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**Brenda Hancock Hastings** - September 11, 2012 at 10:48 AM

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“ We have known Eva Jean for many years, and she was a classy, sweet, Christian lady. She always had a smile on her face, and treated everyone so nice. She will be missed. Shirley Vines & Shirley Vines Butler

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**Shirley Vines & Shirley Vines Butler** - August 29, 2012 at 12:13 AM

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“ My prayers are with the family of Eva Jean Smitherman. She was a wonderful, stylish, loving Christian woman who was so proud of her beautiful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Football season will never be the same without her! With God's Grace and Love, Laura Nichols

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**Laura Nichols** - August 28, 2012 at 10:55 AM

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**Bob and Debbie Butterworth** - August 28, 2012 at 07:54 AM