



## Velma Toole

September 7, 1923 - December 3, 2014

Velma Bonnell Smart Toole, 91, wife of the late Oscar Milton "Bill" Toole, went to Heaven on December 3, 2014 at St. Francis Hospital-Downtown.

Born in Travelers Rest, SC on September 7, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Charlie Lee and Bertie Holcombe Smart. Mrs. Toole graduated Valedictorian of her class in 1939 from Laurel Creek High, she also worked for the Duke's Sandwich Shop and JC Penney for many years and was a member of Cleveland First Baptist Church.

Surviving are her 11 children, Allen Toole (Faith), Bonnie Blumer (Marc), Susan Williams, Kathy Gossett (Roger), Steve Toole, Dorothy Edwards (Steve), Jayne Toole (Ted), Jim Toole (Lisa), John Toole (Stephanie), Gary Toole and Richard Toole; 1 sister, Mary Reese (Ray); 1 brother, Carlos "Bucky" Smart; 11 grandchildren, Charlotte, Justin, Paul, Jason, Katie, Jennifer, Joshua, Samuel, Shannon, Angela, and Ashley; 9 great-grandchildren, Bryson, Sara, Bradley, Abby, Rachel, Betsie, Mary Evelyn, McKenzie, and Christian Paul and many loving nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Toole was also predeceased by a son-in-law, Scott Williams, and 4 siblings.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at The Howze Mortuary at 2 p.m. with visitation prior from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Burial will follow at Cleveland First Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will be at the home.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross at 940 Grove Rd.,

Greenville, SC 29605.

# Cemetery Details

## Cleveland First Baptist Church Cemetery

1 Church Drive  
Cleveland, SC 29635

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

## Service

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,  
I worked with Velma at JCPenney's she such  
a wonderful person. I count it a joy to have  
been able to call her my friend.  
Randy Ellenburg



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**Randy Ellenburg** - December 08, 2014 at 12:54 PM

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“ I know Mrs. Toole was very special to all of  
you. In my conversations with Lisa Toole, she  
called her Mama even though she was the  
daughter-in-law. Mrs. Toole loved spending  
time with her family and loved the Lord and  
those are the most precious things. I know she will be missed but  
her memories will live on and one day she will be reunited with her  
earthly family in heaven.



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**Chris Kelly** - December 06, 2014 at 08:07 PM

MR

“ Michelle Riden lit a candle in memory of  
Velma Toole



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**Michelle Riden** - December 06, 2014 at 07:45 PM

RF

“ *Robin Foster lit a candle in memory of Velma Toole*



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**Robin Foster** - December 06, 2014 at 07:20 PM

MS

“ *Allen, Faith, and family, I am sorry for your loss but don't you know mom is having a great time with our Savior. May God bless you and keep you close during this difficult time. Love and prayers, Mary Ellen Smith.*

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**Mary Ellen Smith** - December 05, 2014 at 08:12 PM

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“ *John, Stephanie and Ashley I wanted to say how sorry I am for the passing of Velma. I met her a few times when she worked at JC Penny: she was a very nice lady. I wanted you to know that I was thinking of you and praying for your whole family in this time of need. Please let me know if I can help in any way.*  
*Sherri Oates*

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**Sherri Oates** - December 05, 2014 at 04:15 PM