



## Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall

February 12, 1964 - October 31, 2015

Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall, 51, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 31 at the home of her eldest daughter, surrounded by family. Ellen was born in Frankfort, Ky. on February 12, 1964, to Reva Ann Smith and the late Miles M. Smith.

In addition to her mother, Ellen is survived by three daughters: Elizabeth Gotshall Hockensmith (Michael), Haley Gotshall, and Hannah Gotshall; two sons: Russell Gotshall Jr. (Charlene) and Hunter Gotshall; one sister: Denise McElroy, of Lithia Springs, FL.; one brother: Alex Smith (Jennifer); three grandsons, two nephews, and two nieces.

Ellen was very devoted to loving and caring for her children. She loved her family and always made sure they were taken care of. She enjoyed her country music and spending time with her special friends.

Ellen was a lifelong member of Highland Christian Church in Frankfort, where she was also the nursery coordinator. She was employed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Registry of Election Finance as a paralegal.

Celebration of Life Services will be conducted at Highland Christian Church at 1 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2015, with visitation starting at 12 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)


Highland Christian Church  
265 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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265 Versailles Road  
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# Tribute Wall

 Kathy  
Graven

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Graven - November 15, 2015 at 10:29 AM

CH

“ Charles lit a candle in memory of Margaret  
Ellen Smith-Gotshall



Charles - November 07, 2015 at 07:47 AM

CH

Condolences to Ellens Family and friends.  
Betty and Charles

Charles - November 07, 2015 at 07:50 AM

NA

“ Sorry to hear this, such a wonderful lady. Prayers for the family

Nancy - November 06, 2015 at 02:14 PM

DR

“ My sincere condolences to her husband, children, and family.

Deb Redmon - November 05, 2015 at 05:52 PM

HD

“ *I am so sorry to hear of this God bless the family and those sweet children*



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**Holly & Cory Dick** - November 05, 2015 at 05:37 PM

WF

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Your all in our thoughts & Prayers.  
With love, Bobby Sarah & Family*



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**watt family** - November 05, 2015 at 05:28 PM

DS

*I'm so very sorry for your lost. Prayers going out to the family and friends. God Bless.*

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**Debbie Sparks** - November 05, 2015 at 06:28 PM

WS

“ *Share a memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall or send condolences to the family.*



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**wanda samuels** - November 05, 2015 at 05:02 PM

SM

“ Prayers and sympathy to my nephew, Russell, Sr., and my nieces and nephews who I know are in such pain now. Ellen fought the good fight to stay with you as long as God made it possible. She is in His loving care now and will always watch over you. You will miss her physical presence but she lives on in your hearts more now than ever. Wish I could be there Love, Aunt Hettie



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**Susan Mason** - November 05, 2015 at 03:35 PM

SB

“ Sonda Baker lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall



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**Sonda Baker** - November 05, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ Lesa Hodge lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall



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**Lesla Hodge** - November 05, 2015 at 11:43 AM

MB

“ *Marjorie Bownan lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



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**marjorie Bownan** - November 05, 2015 at 11:04 AM

JS

“ *Jami Scannell lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



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**Jami Scannell** - November 05, 2015 at 09:32 AM

JS

*Ellen was one of my dearest life long freinds. We didn't meet until cheerleading in 7th grade at Elkhorn Middle School, but the die cast was set for her, Jenny, and I. There were years when Ellen and I took different paths in life, but we ALWAYS remained in touch. Ellen joined me in Florida, which ultimately led to the four beautiful children that God blessed her with. We even shared our love of the law and paralegal careers working at the same law firm in Florida for a brief time. Eventually Ellen moved back to Kentucky to continue her family, and so it was, that I would join her back in Kentucky! Everywhere Ellen went, she was a kind supportive ear, not just for me, but for anyone she came in contact with. With that love, often came her honest opinion, so you better know that if you wanted her advice, you were gonna get it. Sometimes I would want to have a little pitty party about something happening to me, but I can tell you Ellen was never really much about the pitty party, and she would straighten you out in a hurry! Throughout her battle with cancer, she never wanted to complain or feel sorry for herself, always reciting that God had a plan for her, and she would make sure her time on earth mattered. Well I'm sure God is pleased with how she spent her last few years, tirelessly trying to make sure that her children knew she loved them to the moon and back. There was nothing that mattered more to her than that. I hope as time passes and life goes on, her children will always know how much Ellen loved them, and how hard she fought to stay here with them as long as possible. I will love you forever my dear sweet friend, and you will continue to be the voice in my head and the spirit in my heart.*

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**Jami Scannell** - November 05, 2015 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ *With love to the family and a shared broken heart. Rev. Johnna Mansuetto and family*



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**Rev. Johnna Mansuetto** - November 05, 2015 at 08:53 AM

HF

“ *Hardin Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



Hardin Family - November 05, 2015 at 08:40 AM

CK

“ *Carrie Klaber lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



Carrie Klaber - November 05, 2015 at 08:19 AM

HJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Ellen's precious children whom are her world. I will miss her dearly. She was a great co worker and friend at the Attorney General office.*  
*Heather Johnston*



heather johnston - November 04, 2015 at 08:24 PM

PB

“ *Peggy Bryant lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



Peggy Bryant - November 04, 2015 at 06:02 PM

PB

“ *Ellen and I became friends through church. She was the kindest, funniest and most sincere person. Our families are connected through the kids and community. She was always there when I needed a friend. I always admired her strength and courage and fighting spirit. My heart goes out to her family and friends. Rest easy, my friend.*



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**Peggy Bryant** - November 04, 2015 at 06:01 PM

BK

“ *Butler, Kendell lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ellen Smith-Gotshall*



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**Butler, Kendell** - November 04, 2015 at 09:12 AM

AW

“ Ellen was one of the most sweetest person I knew. We became neighbors in 1974 and we all grew up together. No matter if it was on Facebook or meeting her somewhere in public she was always asking how others were doing. Ellen and my father were going through treatments at the same time and everyday they would joke around with each other and show so much concern for each other. My father gain his wings early and she always text our family almost daily to check on everyone. Then she started treatments again with my sister and again they laughed and joked around mostly about my father. Then my sister gain her wings and again Ellen continue to text to say she was praying no matter how bad I knew she felt or how bad her day or even if she was in the hospital she was always more concern with someone else health and how they were doing. I know my father, brother and sister along with everyone else that has gone to heaven that lived on Senate was there waiting with open arms for this sweet lady. I will miss our many evening chats and pray that you are now resting well. Like the song says "it was hard to let you go but knowing what I know about heaven believing that you are all the way home, we could pray you back but why would we do that when you are somewhere life never ends and pain doesn't exist. Rest in peace my friend. We will all see you again one day.

Hardin Family  
Vonda & Angie

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**angie wingfield** - November 03, 2015 at 07:51 AM

HJ

“ I worked with Ellen at the Registry. Even though I left three years ago, we remained friends. My thoughts and prayers are with her beautiful children.



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**Heather Jennings** - November 02, 2015 at 06:32 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Ellen's passing. She was a lovely person and I have so many fond memories of our younger life. My thoughts and prayers to your family.*

*Jayma H.*

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**JAYMA HAWKINS** - November 02, 2015 at 01:20 PM