



Michelle Wash Smith

April 24, 1969 - April 6, 2025

Saluda, SC

Michelle Wash Smith

Michelle Wash Smith, beloved wife, daughter, sister, friend, and teacher, was received into the arms of our Lord and Savior, Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the age of 55 at Lexington County Medical Center.

Michelle was born April 24, 1969, to William R. Wash and Mary Lindley Wash. Michelle was the youngest of 5 children, being four minutes younger than her twin sister, Melinda. She was deeply loved by her family. She married Ben W. Smith, June 26, 1993. The couple spent 32 wonderful years together in Saluda County. Michelle was adored by her husband and he was always by her side.

Michelle was truly loved by all that knew her. She loved the Lord and served in all areas of the church at St. Paul UMC, such as singing in the choir (she loved singing), helping with children's programs, serving the community each month with the food truck, as well as any area that she felt needed a helping hand. She was a devoted teacher at Strom Thurmond Career and Technology Center for 30 years and always gave her best to the students that she loved dearly. The passion she had for her students led her to be an advisor with

Future Business Leaders of America. Michelle was an avid Clemson fan and enjoyed attending the games and cheering the Tigers on!

Michelle is survived by husband, Ben, parents, William and Mary Wash, two brothers, Gary Wash (Jan), Barry Wash (Pam), a sister, Karen Boggs (Ron), twin sister, Melinda Taylor (Tim), sister-in-law, Kennifer S. Cox (Tom), numerous nephews and nieces, as well as great nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at 3:00 PM Wednesday at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Saluda. The family will greet friends before the service in the St. Paul UMC Family Life Center from 1:00 to 2:30. The committal will follow the service at Travis Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church (102 E Butler Ave, Saluda, S.C. 29138).

Cemetery Details

Travis Park Cemetery

Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Funeral

APR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
102 East Butler Avenue
Saluda, SC 29138

Tribute Wall

JA

“Michelle was a coworker for many years. Although I have been gone 12 years I have never forgotten what a great person she was. Not enough positive words in the dictionary. I loved you and I will never forget all the memories I have of you

Jeanene C Austin - April 19, 2025 at 07:52 PM

TM

“Sending prayers for peace and comfort to Michelle’s family. She was a sweet lady and I enjoyed working with her through the years with FBLA.

Tammy Mathews - April 09, 2025 at 03:56 PM

MS

“Michelle Shealy lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith



Michelle Shealy - April 09, 2025 at 01:55 PM

SC

“Strom Thurmond High School Booster Club purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



Strom Thurmond High School Booster Club - April 09, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JF

“ Jack Sox family purchased the Country Basket Bouquets for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



Jack Sox family - April 09, 2025 at 07:58 AM

NF

“ North Augusta High School FBLA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



North Augusta High School FBLA - April 08, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



April 08, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



April 08, 2025 at 03:21 PM

AB

“ Ashley Blalock lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith



Ashley Blalock - April 08, 2025 at 02:12 PM

CS

“ Sweet angel. Prayers for Ben, Melinda, parents and friends 🤍



Cathy Stone - April 08, 2025 at 01:41 PM

DW

“ Praying for all the family. Michelle was like another little sister to me growing up. I remember going to help Ms Mary when her and Melinda were little. I remember our family doing lots of things together growing up since our parents were good friends. She will surely be missed but thankfully she is out of the pain she had to endure. I pray God wraps His arms around all of the family and gives them comfort. Heaven gained another angel 🙏❤️

Debbie Wates - April 08, 2025 at 01:16 PM

WG

“ William Naomi & Brenda Goodman lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith



William Naomi & Brenda Goodman - April 08, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michelle Wash Smith.

April 08, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



April 08, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Staff of Eagle Chase Golf Club for Jacob* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.



Staff of Eagle Chase Golf Club for Jacob - April 08, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *George and I were heartbroken to hear of Michelle's passing. Most of my childhood is filled with wonderful memories of time spent with Michelle and Melinda. What a special lady and friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Suzanne Boyd - April 08, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.*



April 08, 2025 at 08:47 AM



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April 08, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *Mrs. Mary, Mr William, Melinda, Ben & Family my heart hurts for your loss. I share many wonderful memories with Michelle. We have been angels and washed Psalty's pages a number of Christmas plays at Rehoboth. We grew up together and she would always tell you if you were having a bad day that it took less muscles in your face to smile than to frown! I can't imagine your pain. Please accept my condolences and prayers. I will always remember our great childhood and school days with fond memories*

Andrea Logan Bossie - April 08, 2025 at 08:13 AM

ME

“ I am speechless. I thought about Michelle several times last week and even Saturday. I told myself we were going back home to edgefield to see her and my crew of friends. I looked at my FBLA blazer and was planning to donate it to Michelle for students to wear during competitions. I had no earthly idea I would read the news about my former colleague and friend.

Heaven is rejoicing and God knows best. I find comfort in knowing we will meet up and laugh again.

Your legacy will live on through the souls you've touch.

Condolences to the Smith, Wash and Thurmond Family.

Love Your Sister in Christ,
Ms. Epps
STCTC Room A101

Marietta Epps-McDaniel - April 07, 2025 at 10:52 PM

RD

“ Michelle was a sweetheart! So sweet and kind to everyone! She will be truly missed! Love and prayers to her sweet family!



Revonda Durham - April 07, 2025 at 10:31 PM

NC

“ Michelle was a wonderful young lady. She was a Girl Scout in my Troup and a good friend of my daughter. She grew into a fantastic woman. I know she will be missed.
Nancy Chippendale

Nancy Marshall Chippendale - April 07, 2025 at 09:25 PM

B(

“ *Ben Thompson (Abbey) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.*



Ben Thompson (Abbey) - April 07, 2025 at 09:00 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Boozer lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith*



Sandra Boozer - April 07, 2025 at 08:50 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michelle Wash Smith.*

April 07, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CT

“ *Christie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith*



Christie Thomas - April 07, 2025 at 08:29 PM

CT

“Michelle will be greatly missed by all!! I remember all of us riding together to work in the packing shed and our friendship grew from there. Michelle was an awesome teacher and FBLA advisor for my daughters!! Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends 🙏🙏 Rest in the arms of the Lord now Michelle and we will meet again some day 🙏 Christie, Jeff, Ashley, and Michelle Thomas

Christie Thomas - April 07, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SJ

“I send you and your family my deepest condolences. May your soul rest in peace 🙏



Stracie Jones - April 07, 2025 at 08:14 PM

FC

“Frank & Martha Corley lit a candle in memory of Michelle Smith



Frank & Martha Corley - April 07, 2025 at 08:02 PM

BK

“To the Smith Family I am so sorry for your loss. May God continue give you strength during these times. She was a friend of mine from elementary school until high school. She will be missed but never forgotten

Bernita Kinard - April 07, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SF

“ *Strom Thurmond High School Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michelle Wash Smith.*



Strom Thurmond High School Family - April 07, 2025 at 06:53 PM