



Lura J Moody

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Lura J. Moody, age 82, of Fort Smith passed away Saturday September 20, 2025. She was born October 30, 1942 in Paris, Arkansas to James and Verene McKinney Witt. She was a longtime member of Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Fort Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert J. “Butch” Moody and her brother, Kenneth Witt. We celebrate the life of a remarkable woman, whose faith, kindness and dedication left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She was first and foremost a devoted Christian, walking daily in her faith with grace, humility and a heart full of service. Her love for the Lord guided her steps and shone brightly in the way she treated others with compassion, encouragement and unwavering generosity. A gifted gardener, she found joy in nurturing life, whether tending to blooming flowers, cultivating vegetables, or simply sharing the beauty of God’s creation with others. Her garden was a place of peace, reflection, and fellowship, where friends and family were always welcome. Her spirit of volunteerism touched countless lives. She gave freely her time and talents never seeking recognition but always striving to make her community stronger and more compassionate. Through her acts of service, she embodied the very essence of love in action. She will be remembered not only for her faith and service, but also for her gentle smile, her ready laughter, and the warmth she brought into every room. Her legacy lives on in the gardens she planted, the lives she lifted, and the example she set as a faithful servant of God.

She is survived by her two daughters, Jill Ledbetter and her husband Robert of Oklahoma and Sondi Catsavis and her husband George of Fort Smith; her son, Chris Moody and his wife Emily of Fort Smith; two sisters, June Rogers of Scranton, Arkansas and Roxie Etzkorn of Dardanelle, Arkansas; one brother, James Lee Witt of Dardanelle; seven grandchildren, Landen Ledbetter (Tarah), Gunnar Moody (Cris), Logan Ledbetter, Zach Moody, Blake Farmer, Maggie Farmer, Lexie Mitchell (Erik)



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and one great-grandson, Michael Robert Ledbetter; sister in law, Sondie Callaway of San Diego, California and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Thursday September 25, 2025, at Edwards Funeral Home in Fort Smith. Funeral Mass will be 11:30 am Friday at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Fort Smith with burial to follow in the Fort Smith National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Junior High or Reynolds Cancer Support House, <https://www.reynoldscancersupporthouse.org/>

To place an online tribute, please visit www.bernafuneralhomes.com



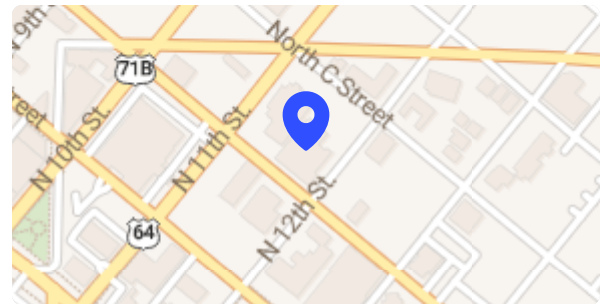
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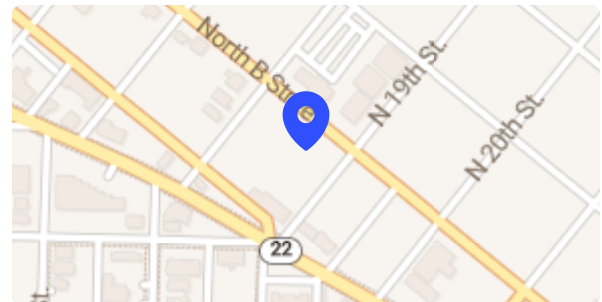
Visitation

- Thursday**, September 25, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Edwards Funeral Home**
201 North 12th Street, Fort Smith AR 72901



Funeral Mass

- Friday**, September 26, 2025
- 11:30 AM CT
- Saint Boniface Catholic Church**
1820 North B Street , Fort Smith AR 72901



Cemetery Details

- Fort Smith National Cemetery**
522 Garland Avenue , Fort Smith AR 72901





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Kristen Lawrence posted:

Lura was my second mama. Such a God filled woman, she just knew things. If ever Jill & I came home and had been up to no good she knew. She would give us a talking to and her eyes would turn black when she was mad - sure put the fear of God in me!!She was also one of the most graceful, poised loving caring women I have ever had the privilege of knowing. She will be forever missed.....but Heaven is rejoicing now that she is there!!!(and I know she is too). 😊

September 27 at 1:18 PM



Jo Anne Johns (Scott) posted:

Lura Jean was a classmate at Dardanelle, AR. Lura always had a contagious smile with a calming effect. She was also a great dancer in the 50's and 60's! Prayers are with the family.

September 25 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Moody family.



September 24 at 1:29 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lura.



September 23 at 4:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Moody family.



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Moody family.



September 22 at 9:40 PM



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Christina L. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lura.

September 22 at 8:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Moody family.

September 22 at 6:07 PM



Love, Pete And Katie Rusin planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lura.

September 22 at 5:56 PM



Love, Pete And Katie Rusin sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Moody family.

September 22 at 5:56 PM



Kyra Frederick posted:

Aunt Lura was such a special person. She was always so sweet and caring to all of us nieces and nephews. When I was little, I remember how exciting it was to see her pull up to our house in her little yellow Mustang. She'd bring us treats, fix our hair, and take pictures of us. We always loved our time with her. Aunt Lura will be greatly missed. Prayers for Jill, Chris, and Sondi.

September 22 at 5:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lura by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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