



## Margaret Arlene Bair Smoak

April 1, 1950 - January 1, 2026

Spartanburg, SC – Margaret Arlene Bair Smoak passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Austin and Zola Starnes Bair and the loving wife of the late Thomas Smoak.

She had a deep love for the simple joys of life like shopping. She loved her shoes (a trait she passed down to both of her children), reading, her pets, and proudly cheering on the Clemson Tigers. However, nothing mattered more to her than her family. They were always number one and she lived for them, loved them fiercely, and gave her whole heart to those she cared about.

Though she was very tiny, her love for food was anything but. She loved to eat and enjoyed just about everything. Arlene was strong, independent, and endlessly positive. She faced every challenge with grace and strength. She never complained, never wanted to be a burden, and handled even the hardest moments with dignity. Her laughter stayed with her until the very end; a reflection of the joy, resilience, and light she carried throughout her life. She will be remembered for her strength, her independence, her warmth, and most of all, her unwavering devotion to her family.

She is survived by her children, April Lynch (Robert) and Will Corder (Amanda); grandchildren, Jessie Corder, Brooke Drawdy, Hunter Drawdy (Julia), Logan Corder, Riley Lynch, Reece Lynch, Hannah Moore (Garrett), Jessica Keller (Jake), and Kaylee Cato; great grandchildren, Kylie, Madison, Jordan, Max, Finn, Selah, Sara Grace, Sadie Mae, Cason, and Paislee; sister, Nancy Guss; and her beloved furbaby, Maddie Mae.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by her sister, Lou Ann Bair.

The family will receive friends on January 12, 2026 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will begin at 2:00 PM. Pastor Terry Corder will officiate.

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory  
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.  
P.O. Box 758  
Lyman, SC 29365  
(864) 439-7141  
info@livingwatersfh.com

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Arlene at OAMHC, she was always so friendly and kind. May her family find comfort in her many memories during this very difficult time.



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**Vandria Bennett** - January 09 at 07:31 PM

AC

“ Arlene was a co- worker at OAMHC, and I appreciated her presence. RIP my friend!



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**Anthony Craft** - January 09 at 02:07 PM

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“ Nancy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Margaret Arlene Bair Smoak



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**Nancy Jacobs** - January 08 at 09:52 AM