



Johnnie Reba Smellage Obituary
 b. 19 June 1925
 d. 3 July 1998, Oak Ridge, TN
 d/o John Barlow Smellage & Ota Theresa Anderson
 Retired special services librarian

Reba Smellage
 Picture from the 1942
 Highlander, Baxter
 Seminary, TN – pg. 19.
 Reba was a Junior.

Johnnie Reba Smellage, 72, of Oak Ridge, died Friday, July 3, 1998, at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.

She was the daughter of John and Ota Anderson Smellage of Putnam County.

Miss Smellage was a graduate of Baxter Seminary High School and Tennessee Technological University and held a master's degree in library science from Peabody/Vanderbilt University. She received many academic awards and honors in school but, according to her family, she was most proud of the "Outstanding Graduate Award" she received at Peabody/Vanderbilt.

She taught English at Baxter Seminary and served as librarian in Pekin, Ill., before going to Germany as a U.S. Army Special Services librarian. Miss Smellage worked in Germany for 20 years, and her home reflected her extensive travels throughout Europe and the Far East, as did the homes of her four sisters, her sisters said.

She was an avid and fast reader and retained almost all that she read, family members said, adding that she could converse intelligently on almost any topic one cared to mention. She was a frequent book reviewer for the Oak Ridge Woman's Club.

She was very close to her Philathea Sunday School Class, members of First Baptist Church, who provided transportation to a dialysis clinic for six years. She also had many special friends.

She is survived by four sisters: Frances Neal and husband Bob of Oak Ridge, Polly Holmes and husband Ken of Memphis; Bettie Koerber and husband Joe of Attica, Mich.; Wanda Stewart and husband Albert of Fortville, Ind. A brother died earlier. She is survived by seven nephews and four nieces whom she adored, her sisters said. Her seven great-nieces and great-nephews loved her story-telling ability.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Larry Dipboye officiating. A short service and burial will be held at 3 p.m. at the Smellage Cemetery in Putnam County.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight, July 6, at Weatherford Mortuary.

The family requests any memorials be in the form of donations to the library of First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge, where she was church librarian for many years.

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*See Chapter 2 for family list of John Barlow Smellage at: www.ajlambert.com



Frances Elene Smellage Neal
 Picture from The Highlander
 Yearbook, Baxter Seminary,
 TN, Sophomore – pg. 21.



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