

Catherine "Cathy" Gray (Smith) Raines Obt.

COOKEVILLE — Catherine "Cathy" Gray (Smith) Raines, 70, of Cookeville, Tennessee, formerly of Springfield, Tennessee, passed from this life Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family.

Cathy chose cremation, the family followed her wishes, and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.



Cathy was born Jan. 1, 1950, to the late Arthur Woodrow Smith and Alice McLean Smith, and was reared in Andrews, South Carolina.

Cathy was a loving daughter, sister, wife and mother. She was a faithful member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church of Cookeville.

She was a graduate of the University of South Carolina, holding both a bachelor of science and a master's in education. She taught in the public schools in South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee for 41 years. She taught reading at Jere Whitson Elementary since 2006. Her passion was to teach underprivileged and marginalized children.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Jim Raines; son, David Raines and wife, Joyce; daughters, Gray Raines and Catherine Raines; and brothers, William Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Arthur Smith of Andrews, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Jere Whitson Elementary School Reading Program.

Arrangements entrusted to Crest Lawn Funeral Home-Cremation Center, 526-6384.

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