



Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah

January 19, 1957 - April 12, 2025

Born January 19, 1957, to parents Otis Robinson and the late Ruby L. Smith. She was a native of Johnson City, TN. Dawn graduated from Science Hill High School in 1975 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Nutrition from ETSU.

Dawn was employed by UETHDA for 38 years as the Nutrition Coordinator for the Head Start program and was a former caterer.

Dawn was a member of West Main Street Christian Church since childhood and formerly served as Board of Servants Chairperson.

As an active member of the community, Dawn served on the Ellis Johnson board (Bertha Ellis Girls Club), UT Agriculture Group, and THEC. Dawn loved cooking, basket weaving, caring for her family, and serving others. She was presented the Community Service Award by Carver Recreation Center on May 23, 2024.

Dawn went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 12, 2025. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruby L. Smith, and sister, Denise White.

To mourn her passing, Dawn leaves her husband of 34 years, Franklin M. Bangurah; father, Otis Robinson; sisters, Connie Thompson, Ray Johnson,

Angie Smith-Harris (Rick), and Shelea Birks; brothers, Clinton Rollins (Pam), Nick Smith, Jay Swartz (Reva), Lynn White (Karen), Greg White (Sharon), Alfonso White (Gail), Tony White, and Roland White; nieces, Lenita Smith, Candra Johnson, Corie Aubin (Justin), LaNisha Patterson, Dorian Hasson, Denise White, Saniya Whetsell, Tanera Sells, and Whitney Harris; great-nieces, Chloe White and Aliyah Sells; nephews, Allen Simpson (Michelle), Gwan White, Joel White (Andrea), Malik McGue, Jaysahn Swartz, Gregory White, and Aaron White; great-nephews, Tyrique Price, Marquis Griffin, Drequan Smith, Braylon White, and Qamari Hilliard.

Special thanks to family friends Pam Faw and Moma Elva Morrison.

The family wishes to express our appreciation to the community for all the love shown and prayers given to us during this time of grief.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

APR 19 (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens
113 Memory Gardens Rd.
Johnson City, TN 37615

Tribute Wall

MR

“ I miss you, Dawn. I will be forever grateful for your love and friendship.

Misty Reilly - July 22, 2025 at 09:33 AM

KM

“ Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Karen Morrison - May 17, 2025 at 05:18 PM

Ray
ProfRay

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you during this time of loss and grief, Franklin.
~Ray White



Ray ProfRay - April 22, 2025 at 09:28 AM

PA

“ Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Phyllis Askew - April 21, 2025 at 09:13 PM

SH

“ *Franklin, my sympathy and prayers on losing your wife! She sounded like a wonderful lady. Miss seeing you at WSCC Niswonger!*

Susie Harrison - April 21, 2025 at 11:32 AM

BA

“ *Babby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Babby - April 20, 2025 at 07:35 AM

AW

“ *Audrey W Carr Aka Wee-Wee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Audrey W Carr aka Wee-Wee - April 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM

AT

“ *Sending Prayers to the Family, may God provide peace during this challenging season.*

Arnold and Shirley Thomas



Arnold Thomas - April 19, 2025 at 12:00 PM

SB

“ *Sylvia Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Sylvia Bachman - April 19, 2025 at 09:41 AM

CY

“ *Curtis Young lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Curtis Young - April 19, 2025 at 06:37 AM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Estelle Vaughan - April 18, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Jacqueline Leeper - April 18, 2025 at 10:32 PM

CY

“ Curtis Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



Curtis Young - April 18, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SB

“ Dawn was such a wonderfully sweet person. I first knew her from working at Head Start. I loved when she came to visit the classroom, the children loved her, and she enjoyed chatting with them. They would all give her a hug before she left. Joni, Chip and I will miss her very much. After I retired, she stayed in touch. She often texted me to check on how my mom was doing and would ask about Joni & Chip as well. I loved the times we got to meet and chat, she said whenever she went to Hamricks she thought of me and our talks. I will sure miss her so very much and send many prayers and hugs to the family. God Bless. Sheila Barberia

Sheila Barberia - April 18, 2025 at 10:57 AM

RO

“ RAYMOND & CAROL OXENDINE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



RAYMOND & CAROL OXENDINE - April 17, 2025 at 10:59 PM

SS

“ Sharon S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.

Sharon S. - April 17, 2025 at 07:21 PM

SS

“ We are so sorry for your loss and our hearts go out to the family. Dawn has been a client of ours for over 8 years. Dawn wasn't just a client, she was a friend. I had the pleasure of spending time with her outside of work doing basket weaving. I had the pleasure of spending time with her last week when she came in to get her hair done. I can speak for all of my staff and student when I say that she will be missed so much. Dawn wasn't a wonderful woman and a spitfire! We will miss her very much and she will always be in our hearts and memories. Condolences to all of her family from Sharon Smith, owner and the staff at Premier Cosmetology Academy. Blessings to all of you!

sharon smith - April 17, 2025 at 07:18 PM

BJ

Dawn loved her family with a motherly figure, she had a true love for all people, she will never be replaced, 1 & only DAWN SMITH

Bobbie j,Gillespie-Scott - April 18, 2025 at 05:55 AM

SA

“ We are so sorry for the loss of such an amazing woman! She was truly loved and we were so blessed to have known her. We will miss seeing her every week for her hair/facials. Praying for you all!

Sarah White/ Premier Cos. Academy - April 17, 2025 at 06:55 PM

SW

“ Sarah W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.

Sarah W. - April 17, 2025 at 06:51 PM

GS

“ To Connie and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your sister. We pray that GOD comforts you all. We are praying for everyone.
Love in CHRIST,
Ron & Gwen Smith

Gwendolyn Smith - April 17, 2025 at 06:05 PM

CR

“ Smith Family,

In memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah,
please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. May fondest memories warm your hearts now and always.

Cheryl Rhea and Family

C Rhea - April 17, 2025 at 05:43 PM



LP

“ Lori Parks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Lori Parks - April 17, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



janice wells - April 17, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Charles Bufford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Charles Bufford - April 17, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ *Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - April 17, 2025 at 02:31 PM

GM

“ *Dawn was a great classmate in college and she was one to keep projects on the front burner. A hardworking individual that had so much energy. She knew how to work with all, no matter the situation. Heaven doors opened wide to receive her. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and loved ones.*
Love in Christ Glenda Whitehead McCracken

Glenda McCracken - April 17, 2025 at 12:24 PM

TF

“ Tonya Hill & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



Tonya Hill & family - April 17, 2025 at 01:39 AM



“ Paulette Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Paulette Robinson - April 17, 2025 at 12:22 AM

GG

“ Sorry for your loss. Praying for the family 🙏❤️🙏



Gladys Gambrell - April 16, 2025 at 09:40 PM

RB

“ Randy and Jo Ann Byington purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



Randy and Jo Ann Byington - April 16, 2025 at 08:24 PM

RB

“ Randy and Jo Ann Byington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.

Randy and Jo Ann Byington - April 16, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



April 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM



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

April 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM

CR

“ My heart is heavy with the news that Dawn has passed. I rest in assurance that she is no longer suffering from the pain, burdens and cares of this world. May each of you, her family, be comforted with this reassurance in the days that lay ahead. Keep her in your hearts with those precious memories and envision the joyful reunion that has occurred as she crossed the veil into eternity where she was met by those who went before her. Oh the joy that must have been on her face when she looked upon His Face and heard Him say “ Welcome Home, My Child.” You will remain in my prayers. 🕊️🕊️🕊️



Clara “Faye” Rutledge - April 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



April 16, 2025 at 03:47 PM



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

April 16, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ Nancy Adams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Nancy Adams - April 16, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.



April 16, 2025 at 01:32 PM

MW

“ *Magdalene Story And Delores S. Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Magdalene Story and Delores S. Ward - April 16, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CR

“ *We are truly going to miss you Dixie ! we love you Forever!*



Clinton & Pam Rollins - April 16, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SC

“ *Susie Colston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Susie Colston - April 16, 2025 at 11:40 AM

CG

“ *Claudio Goines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Claudio Goines - April 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CG

Praying for the Family. May God cradle you all in his loving arms in days to come

Claudio Goines - April 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM

KW

“*Karen Welch purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah.*



Karen Welch - April 16, 2025 at 10:38 AM

KW

“*I am so very sorry for your loss. I always loved working on projects with Dawn. She will be missed by all who knew her! Prayers for comfort.*
Karen Welch

Karen Welch - April 16, 2025 at 10:32 AM

PN

“*Pamnita V Norwood sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Pamnita V Norwood - April 16, 2025 at 09:42 AM

PR

“ *Patria Rhea sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Patria Rhea - April 16, 2025 at 08:48 AM

TR

“ *Tiffany Ryans lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Tiffany Ryans - April 16, 2025 at 05:14 AM

AJ

“ *Angelo Newman Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Angelo Newman Jr - April 15, 2025 at 10:43 PM

BK

“ *Billie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Billie Kemper - April 15, 2025 at 07:57 PM

HK

“ *Howie Kemper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Howie Kemper - April 15, 2025 at 07:56 PM

KT

“ *Keitha Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Keitha Thompson - April 15, 2025 at 07:47 PM

BJ

“ *Bobby J Ryans Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Bobby J Ryans Jr - April 15, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MR

“ *A Beautiful Person both inside and out! She cared for all the same! She will be missed!*



Mark Redd - April 15, 2025 at 03:53 PM

KM

“ *Such a sweet lady! My condolences to her family. She touched so many lives in her career and in her personal life. I was honored to have known her and call her my friend.* ”



Karen May - April 15, 2025 at 11:41 AM

DS

“ *Deborah Simmons-Grey sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah* ”



Deborah Simmons-Grey - April 15, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DS

I am so sorry for your loss. . . and mine. I will miss our "Dorothy-Ruby" talks. My prayers and deepest sympathy to the family.

Deborah Simmons-Grey - April 15, 2025 at 11:09 AM

ML

“ *May God comfort the family at this time and you will be truly missed I will always love you.* ”



Mazie Love - April 15, 2025 at 09:08 AM

ML

“ *Mary Latham sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Mary Latham - April 15, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ *I will forever remember our talks and friendship my friend* 🤍



Donna Daniels - April 15, 2025 at 02:26 AM

LB

“ *Lynn And Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Lynn and Rayetta Bachman - April 14, 2025 at 10:38 PM

DM

“ *Darrell & Janice Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Darrell & Janice Murphy - April 14, 2025 at 10:00 PM

KR

“ *Katina Rose lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Katina Rose - April 14, 2025 at 09:34 PM

AH

“ *Alberta Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Alberta Harris - April 14, 2025 at 09:18 PM

SW

“ *Susan&Steve Wagner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Susan&Steve Wagner - April 14, 2025 at 08:13 PM

PD

“ *Pauline Douglas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Pauline Douglas - April 14, 2025 at 07:11 PM

BH

“ *Benita Hopson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Benita Hopson - April 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mary James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Mary James - April 14, 2025 at 06:28 PM

PS

“ *I met Dawn when I began working at UETHDA. She was already a staple there. I worked with her for 28 years. I will always fondly remember her wonderful laugh and her sweet soul. It is with sadness that I read of her passing, but celebrate her reunion in heaven. My condolences to the family and all of those lives that she touched while being at the agency and far beyond fly high, sweet Dawn!!!*

Patsy Snapp - April 14, 2025 at 03:28 PM

GB

“ *G.L & Trish Bristol sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



G.L & Trish Bristol - April 14, 2025 at 03:05 PM

GE

“ I met Dawn over 35 years ago when I began working for the agency..she and I were more than coworkers she was my Sister..I will miss my Queen and I will cherish our memories for years to come..Prayers for God’s comfort and peace to the Family..I truly love you all my other Family 🙏

Gail Evans-Harris - April 14, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Linda Workman - April 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Frazier Lyons - April 14, 2025 at 01:27 PM

PB

“ Paul&Vanessa Braxton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Paul&Vanessa Braxton - April 14, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GW

“ George And Emma White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



George and Emma White - April 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM

CA

“ Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Crystal Anderson - April 14, 2025 at 11:58 AM

RH

“ The SHHS Class of 1975 deeply mourns Dawn's passing. Our prayers are with her family.

Rebecca Henderson - April 14, 2025 at 11:54 AM

VP

“ Viola Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Viola Patton - April 14, 2025 at 11:27 AM

RH

“ Renea Hall&family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Renea Hall&family - April 14, 2025 at 11:24 AM

TB

“ I work in food service with Dawn for almost 20 years. She was a wonderful friend to me. We had many many conversations about our Lord and Savior. I'm so thankful for knowing her as a true friend.

tim Baldwin - April 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

JW

“ Janice Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



janice wells - April 14, 2025 at 10:04 AM

MR

“ Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Mary Rollins - April 14, 2025 at 09:02 AM

LW

“ Dawn was a very sweet person prayers for the family you will be missed my friend till we meet again



Louise F. Williams - April 14, 2025 at 08:45 AM

LB

“ Lydia Bridwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Lydia Bridwell - April 14, 2025 at 08:10 AM

VR

“ Vangeline Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Vangeline Rollins - April 14, 2025 at 08:00 AM

GF

“ Gary & Moricina Fain sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah



Gary & Moricina Fain - April 14, 2025 at 07:59 AM

GA

To the family of Dawn Smith Bangurah, you are in our prayers.

Gary - April 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Melvin Drumgoole - April 14, 2025 at 07:55 AM

MD

Condolences to the family

Melvin Drumgoole - April 14, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JJ

“ *Jaymon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Jaymon Johnson - April 14, 2025 at 07:22 AM

PN

“ *Phyllis Noaks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dawn Smith Bangurah*



Phyllis Noaks - April 14, 2025 at 07:19 AM

PF

“ *My prayers are with you and the family. Love you all so much.* ”



Paul Faw - April 14, 2025 at 06:22 AM

JJ

“ *Jaymon, Edna and Adeline* ”



Jaymon Johnson - April 13, 2025 at 11:15 PM