



Eva Smiley Wall

August 6, 1936 - January 29, 2026

Eva Smiley Wall, age 89, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Eva was born and raised by her devoted mother after the passing of her father when she was just four years old. From an early age, she learned resilience, faith, and the value of hard work—qualities that defined her life.

A basketball player herself, Eva fell in love with the high school basketball star, Allen “Dick” Wall, who became the love of her life and lifelong partner. Together, they began their marriage with very little materiality, but with an abundance of love and determination. From a feeble cottage on a hill, they carved out a strawberry farm that would grow from humble beginnings into what was once the largest strawberry farm in Louisiana.

Eva and Dick raised five children, instilling in them strong Christian values and an incredible work ethic. Early on, they learned it would take more than one occupation to provide for their family. Through the years, Eva worked as a school bus driver and labored faithfully alongside Dick in many ventures, including the fur business, shrimping, vegetable farming, and growing watermelons. In 1986, Eva was instrumental in the creation of Wall’s Alligator Farm, one of the first alligator farms in the state.

Eva was no stranger to hardship. She endured the loss of their home in a fire

and, a few short years later, the devastating loss of their son, Don, on The Strawberry Queen shrimp boat. Through every trial, Eva never wavered in her faith in God or her devotion to family. Her strength, perseverance, and quiet trust in the Lord were a testimony to all who knew her.

Eva's deep love for the outdoors created treasured memories for her family that will last for generations. Together, Eva and Dick forged a legacy of generosity, spreading kindness throughout their community and church family.

A lifelong member of Woodland Baptist Church, Eva faithfully served the Lord by teaching Sunday School and hosting Bible studies in her home. Her life reflected a servant's heart and an unwavering commitment to her faith.

Eva will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, faithful servant of God, and a woman whose legacy of hard work, generosity, and faith will live on through her family and all whose lives she touched

Eva is survived her children, Allen Wall and wife Deanie, Scarlet Wall, Nathan Wall and wife LaDonna, Chris Wall and wife Melissa; grandchildren, Luke Wall, Chad Wall, and their mother Melonie Campbell, Barry Wall, Donna DePaula, JoJo Wall, and their mother Jodie Barnum, Shellie Collier, Danielle Abels, Tara Varnado, Mark Patterson, and his father Keith Patterson, Matthew Wall, Don Wall, and their mother Karen Wall, Ranger Wall, and Christen Oppenlander; 28 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eva is preceded in death by her husband Allen Leche Wall; son, Don Wall; her parents, Elphegge and Mary Jane Smiley; siblings, Luther Smiley, Shelby Smiley, Elzy Smiley, Brady Smiley, Dorothy Smiley Long, Winnie Duplechin, John Smiley, and baby Jane Smiley.

Relatives and friends of the family is invited to a visitation on Monday,

February 2, 2026, at Woodland Baptist Church from 9:30 a.m. until the service at 12:30 p.m. The service will be officiated by Brother Paul Taylor. Interment will follow in Woodland Baptist Church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Woodland Baptist Church Cemetery

27929 Hwy 1037
Springfield, LA 70462

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Woodland Baptist Church
27929 Hwy 1037
Springfield, Louisiana 70462

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

Woodland Baptist Church
27929 Hwy 1037
Springfield, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eva Smiley Wall*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - February 01 at 11:58 AM

MS

“ *Michael and Joy Smiley purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.*



Michael and Joy Smiley - February 01 at 11:09 PM

AM

“ *Eva was a strong inspiration to all who knew her.
I am a witness to this truth.
My earliest memories of her and her friendship with our family and my mother, Ann McIntyre definitely let me and others to Jesus Christ.
Thank you, Jesus, my Lord and Savior.*

Alden + Judie McIntyre - February 01 at 09:31 AM

MV

“ *Martha Smiley Vaughn*



Martha Smiley Vaughn - February 01 at 03:24 AM

JF

“ *Joseph & Whitney Felder purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.*



Joseph & Whitney Felder - January 31 at 06:51 PM

TF

“ *The Johnny Unruh Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.*



The Johnny Unruh Family - January 31 at 06:07 PM

TF

“ *The Johnny Unruh Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.*

The Johnny Unruh Family - January 31 at 06:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.*



January 31 at 05:35 PM



“ *She was the glue that held so many together. She was an example that I looked up to in school. Her kindness, support and friendship to Daniel after his illness was such a blessing. Well done good and faithful servant.*

Carolyn - January 31 at 04:43 PM



“ *Childers Grocery and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.*



Childers Grocery and Family - January 31 at 04:28 PM



“ *Childers Grocery and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.*

Childers Grocery and Family - January 31 at 04:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



January 31 at 04:08 PM



“ Mark & Delanea Harrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

Mark & Delanea Harrell - January 31 at 04:08 PM



“ The Delacroix Corporation purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



The Delacroix Corporation - January 31 at 03:02 PM



“ The Delacroix Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

The Delacroix Corporation - January 31 at 03:02 PM



“ Melinda, Tom and Mike Benge purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



Melinda, Tom and Mike Benge - January 31 at 01:38 PM

MB

“ Melinda, Tom and Mike Benge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

Melinda, Tom and Mike Benge - January 31 at 01:38 PM

GR

“ Gay Rogers purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



Gay Rogers - January 31 at 09:29 AM

AV

“ Aaron and Tara Varnado purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



Aaron and Tara Varnado - January 30 at 11:49 PM

AV

“ Aaron and Tara Varnado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

Aaron and Tara Varnado - January 30 at 11:49 PM

TS

“ Tommy, Amy, and Will Sanders purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



Tommy, Amy, and Will Sanders - January 30 at 09:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



January 30 at 09:02 PM

SH

“ Suzannah Harper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

Suzannah Harper - January 30 at 09:02 PM

TF

“ The Shellhouse family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



The Shellhouse family - January 30 at 08:33 PM

PP

“ A kind and gentle, soft-spoken woman... that's how I'll remember Aunt Eva. May God grant Allen, Scarlet, Nathan, Chris and their families peace at this sad time. 🙏💕 Paulette

Paulette Patterson - January 30 at 08:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eva Smiley Wall.



January 30 at 08:14 PM

TG

“ The Gorum and Gilliam's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Smiley Wall.

The Gorum and Gilliam's - January 30 at 08:14 PM

LF

“ Strawberry shortcake-Eva was the one that showed me how to make the BEST strawberry cake. She will be missed by the whole neighborhood. True picture of LOVE like Jesus! She has earned her Crown
Linda Fendlason

linda Fendlason - January 30 at 08:13 PM