



Mrs Janis Olson

October 15, 1931 - March 22, 2023

Janis Elizabeth (Smith) Olson, age 91, of Orange Beach, AL passed away March 22, 2023 of natural causes. She was born in Scottsboro, AL and attended Florence State Teachers College as well as was the first woman to complete her degree from The University of the South in Sewanee, TN. She had a career as a secondary school science teacher where she taught Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science. She started her career in Huntsville AL at Butler and Grissom High Schools, then Mountain Brook Schools in Birmingham.

She and her husband Robert D. Olson then moved to Orange Beach AL where she finished her career with Baldwin County Schools. As an active member of the Orange Beach Women's Tennis Team she was a true inspiration, playing competitive matches well into her 80s and was a State Champion Bowler in her age division in 2000. She was loved by her students, coworkers and team members as well as her family.

She is survived by her sister Anna Sue "Susie" Law of Muscle Shoals, AL, brother, Charles D. Smith (Carolyn) of Orange Beach, her daughter Beverly Lane Bendiks, daughter Frances Marie Lane, son William Rison "Bucky" Lane (Pamela), grandchildren Nicholas Lane Bendiks, William Robert "Rawb" Lane, William Stevenson "Will" Lane, Natalie Amelia Lane (Thomas C. McLemore) and great grandchild Stella Ruth McLemore.

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“ *Mrs Janis Olson*

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