



Olisea Mary Rourke Smith

October 15, 1924 - May 3, 2026

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Rayne / Crowley, LA - Olisea Mary Rourke Smith, 101, died Sunday, May 3, 2026, at her residence in Crowley, LA.

Olisea was born on October 15, 1925, in Rayne, LA, to Martin Rourke and Elise Cormier Rourke - the second of seven children. She lived most of her life in Rayne, and she is fondly remembered as a kind and generous person, always helping and caring for others. She loved reading, her garden, early morning walks, and her Catholic faith. Olisea worked at the Rayne Acadian-Tribune and Mervine Kahn Company and was a generous supporter of St. Jude Children's Hospital and other causes close to her heart.

Olisea's survivors include her sister, Sybil Rourke Nickel, and numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Irvin Pierre Smith; sister, Dorothy "Dot" Rourke Prudhomme and spouse J.B. Prudhomme, Sr.; four brothers: Vernon Rourke and spouse Ethel Lee Rourke, Burney Rourke and spouse Mildred Rourke, Pauvin Rourke and spouse Evelyn Rourke, and Mervin Rourke and spouse Thelma Rourke; and brother-in-law, Milo Nickel,

Sr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, with Very Rev. Brent L. Smith, VF, as Celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery #2 in Rayne.

Visitation be observed in Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne on Thursday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with a Rosary prayed at 11:00 a.m.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Satinder Saini, Hospice of Acadiana and all her caregivers that took great care of Mrs. Smith.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

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Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Gossen Funeral Home Inc.
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Rosary

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Mass

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
401 S. Adams Ave.
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