



Carol McNair Smith

May 11, 1934 - May 29, 2015

Carol McNair Smith, beloved wife of Donald D. Smith, died at her home on May 29, 2015 from complications arising from Alzheimer's disease.

Carol was born in Hawkinsville, Georgia on May 11, 1934 to Hubert and Gladys McNair. She spent her early years in the Summerville, Georgia area, where her parents were itinerant school teachers, and then lived in Rome for several years before moving to Marietta in 1949. She graduated from Marietta High School in 1952 and trained as an X-ray technician at Kennestone Hospital soon after the hospital had moved to its current location. She and Don married on Thanksgiving Day in 1955 while Don was in his first semester at the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, GA. Following daughter Lauren's birth and Don's graduation they lived for several months in Norfolk, Virginia, where Don worked in the Law Department of Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. They moved to Augusta, Georgia where Don was a partner in the firm of Congdon, Holley & Smith and son Dwight and daughter Leslie were born. They returned to Marietta in 1962. Don practiced with an Atlanta firm for several years and then they achieved their ultimate goal of practicing law and being a part of the Marietta community. Their family was complete when daughter Lynne was born in Marietta. Carol was an excellent homemaker and was the glue that held the family together. She raised the children almost single-handedly. She was the one who took care of the plumbing, electrical and other problems around the house, having married a mechanics-challenged husband. She cut her own hair, Don's hair, the children's hair and the hair of numerous friends of the children. Carol loved music of all types and sang in the First Methodist Church of Marietta choir for several years. She was in several bridge clubs for over 40 years. She loved traveling, especially with the Panama City group, which she annually enjoyed the hospitality of the Hildreth family in Panama City and Ft. Walton Beach Florida. She also enjoyed frequent visits to St. Simons Island, where she and Don co-owned a condominium with close friends. She loved God, her church, her family and her fellow man. Carol lived a good life until she was stricken with dementia several years ago. The family is grateful to Mrs. Virginia Ward and Mrs. Barbara Ward for the loving care they gave to Carol during her declining years.

Carol is survived by her husband of sixty years, Donald D. Smith, daughter Lauren Sinclair (John), son Donald Dwight Smith, Jr., daughter Leslie Hightower (Clay), daughter Lynne McLaughlin (John), brother William Herbert McNair (Wendy), of St. Simons Island, GA, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 at First United Methodist Church of Marietta, with Dr. Sam Matthews officiating. The family will receive friends at a reception following the service. In lieu of flowers donations made be made in Carol's memory to the First United Methodist Church Good Samaritan Fund or to a charity of your choice.

Events

JUN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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First United Methodist Church
56 Whitlock Ave SW, Marietta, GA, US, 30064

Comments



“ We bonded with Carol and Don when their son Dwight and our son David were born within hours of each other in St. Joseph Hospital, Augusta. It was the beginning of a beautiful, lifetime association -- so close that, to our David and Ellen, they will always be "Aunt Carol" and "Uncle Don." Neighbors in both Augusta and Marietta, we enjoyed countless happy times with the Smith family -- thanks in large measure to Carol's joy, love and understanding. They shared their friends, bridge club and church fellowship as well as Carol's extensive knowledge of keeping children safe and happy. In every situation, Carol's uplifting smile spread sunshine and encouragement. We are truly fortunate to have experienced her generous spirit, to have had our lives so enriched. To Don, Lauren, Dwight, Leslie and Lynne, we extend our condolences and love. We wish we could be with you at this time. The Dadisman Family -- Mildred, Carrol, David and Ellen

Mildred and Carrol Dadisman - June 02, 2015 at 07:31 AM



“ Carol and Don have been our neighbors since we moved to Marietta in 1995, you could search the world over and never find nicer people than them. Carol was a very sweet lady and will be sorely missed by all who knew her, Rest in Peace dear Lady!

Maxie Blalock, Jr. - May 30, 2015 at 12:49 PM