



Margaret C. Spears Smith

October 9, 1918 - February 7, 2013

Margaret Chapman Spears Smith, a remarkable lady, dedicated Christian and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with our Lord, February 7, 2013. She was 94. Mrs. Smith was born on October 9, 1918 to Newell P. Chapman & Sara McClure Chapman in the Lost Mountain Community of Cobb County. She was the seventh of eight children and one of few women of the era to receive a higher education, graduating from Canton High School then North Georgia College in 1936. In 1938, Mrs. Smith married Edward P. "Eddie" Spears, who passed away in 1948. In 1961, she married Jerome N. "Jerry" Smith, who passed away in 1993. For many years, Mrs. Smith worked as office manager for Shamrock Knitting Mills in Marietta. She was an active volunteer, including years serving as a Pink Lady at Kennestone Hospital.

Mrs. Smith's greatest joys were always her family & her church. Her family included three children, nine grandchildren & thirteen great-grandchildren, as well as Jerome Smith's two children, five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren & nine great great-grandchildren. Her church was St Stephen UMC on Roswell Street in Marietta of which she was a very active member for more than 70 years, beginning in 1938. At St. Stephen, Mrs. Smith participated in the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Cloe Hamby Circle. During their 32 years together, Margaret & Jerry Smith traveled extensively all across North America. They spent many years as members of a travel trailer group known as the Staygoners.

Mrs. Smith will be most remembered for the love, devotion, encouragement and support she has shown family and friends throughout the years. Survivors include brother, Bill Chapman of Douglasville; children, Carol Spears Black of Marietta; Edward Spears and wife, Debbie, of Hilton Head; Janice Spears Marsengill and husband, Herbert, of Hilton Head; stepchildren, Gwen Smith Denney; Gail Smith Chivers and husband, Ronald Chivers; as well as a large extended family.

Mom, Grandmother, Mama Gramps, Grandmama, Margaret, we love you and will miss you very much, but we will see you again!

A funeral service will be held on Feb 13, 2013 at 11:00 am at St Stephen UMC, 636 Roswell Street, Marietta, GA 30064. Visitation will be Feb 13, 2013 at 10:00 am at St Stephen UMC, prior to the funeral and on Feb 12, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00, at Mayes-Ward-Dobbins, 180 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Stephen UMC.

There are family members who are “trapped” by the storms or out of the country and can’t possibly get to Marietta right now. With this in mind, a Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory, Marietta. www.mayeswarddobbins.com

Comments



“ Jan, the photo of your mother is lovely. Sounds as if she had an interesting and love filled life..Thinking of you.. Amy Pittman Bennett

Amy Pittman Bennett - February 14, 2013 at 08:47 PM



“ Jan, the picture of your mother is beautiful, just as I remember her. I remember how kind and patient she was. I am so very sorry for your loss.
Sheri Tino Punchak

Sheri Punchak - February 13, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ Jan and family,
So sorry to hear of this, but so glad to have "reconnected" with you, and spoke together recently so fondly of your mom. She was always so gracious and kind to all of us when we visited your home. Patience and prudence were some of her many attributes, as well as strength and grace. As a single mother, I came to admire her even more as a adult for her devotion and care towards her family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know she is absolutely resting in peace.

Love,
Maria

Maria Ragland - February 10, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to you Margaret. Your loving kindness will be remembered by all who have been the blessed recipients of your unselfish love. Joyce Burgess

Joyce Burgess - February 11, 2013 at 08:53 AM