



Mrs. Debe Smith

December 6, 1929 - March 13, 2021

At age 91, lifelong resident of Mobile, Al, Debe Patricia Smith (Patsy) went to meet The Lord on March 13, 2021.

Born on 12/06/1929, (just 7 weeks after the famous stock market crash of 1929) Patsy was influenced by both the Great Depression and the joys of growing up in a large family. Her parents, Malcomb M. White and Willie D. (Willadee) White preceded her in death, as well as, sister Delores Bubenchik and brothers Teddy, Ashbell, Norman and Billy White. The remaining sister, Carolyn White Crane continued to keep a close relationship and frequent communications until Patsy's death.

Growing up in the Oakdale area of Mobile, Patsy attended St. Matthew's Catholic School, Bishop Toolen High School and graduated as a registered nurse from Old Mobile School of Nursing. She is known by many for her nursing career and after retirement, served Providence hospital as a volunteer for 25 more years!

Often, Patsy told humorous stories about life in the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. She delighted in the wonders of modernization like latex gloves, color TV's, microwaves and more than 3 television channels. Growing up as the middle child of 7 siblings gave Patsy more stories to share of the pranks and love she experienced.

Debe Patricia Smith was also the proud mother of eight children, Debe Smith Haidt, James Leon Smith Jr., Michael A. Smith (Tee), David L. Smith (Dene),

Lester D. Smith, Regina Smith, Paul L. Smith (Tina) and Charles E. Smith. Her two daughters and six sons managed to give Patsy more stories to add to her portfolio of tales. At the time of her death, Patsy left a legacy of 18 living grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

She will be missed by sisters-in-law Sue White, Bobbie White and Wanda White as well as, numerous nieces and nephews. Patsy Smith also had a life-long friendship with her "brother from another mother", Ray Kirkland.

Patsy's partner in laughter for decades, was Suzanne Eardman. A most special friend and neighbor was Dixie King.

Every time period in Patsy's life was blessed with warm friendships and good memories. The families of Portella, Hayes, Barnette and Kramer were always remembered with love and many others from the old Oakdale and Parkway neighborhoods. All of the above and previous coworkers were often characters in Patsy's stories.

A mass will be held for Patsy Smith at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (on Boykin Blvd) in Mobile, Al on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:30 am. Food will be served and a gathering of friends and family will commence after the mass, in the church hall located behind the rectory from 11:30 am - 2pm.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
1621 Boykin Blvd
Mobile, AL 36605

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debe Smith.*



March 18, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the Smith family in their time of grief. May the Lord sustain you with His peace and may the memories of your mom fill your heart with comfort.*
Anna Bolton



anna bolton - March 18, 2021 at 12:35 AM



“ *Suzanne,Erdman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Debe Smith*



Suzanne,Erdman - March 17, 2021 at 09:59 PM

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“ Aunt Patsy, I always thought you were so beautiful! My favorite memory, though, is that one very early morning when were at Aunt Gladys', mom, Aunt Edith, Aunt Gladys and Uncke Arthur were gathered around the table having coffee. Uncle Arthur was about to hit the road to head out to his job so it was about 4:30-5:00 a.m. You came in wearing your house coat, nightwear and slippers with your hair up in rollers to have coffee with your sisters-in-law! Still beautiful and vivacious, even in rollers. Love you lots.

Donna Joyner - March 17, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Debe Smith.



March 17, 2021 at 09:44 PM