



## Elizabeth " Betsy" Smith

February 28, 2012

Elizabeth Eugenia Robertson Smith (Betsy)

Elizabeth R. Smith died suddenly on February 28 as a result of an automobile accident. Born April 17, 1930, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Dr. Robert C. and Frankie C. Robertson. She attended the Bright School and Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology. She then attended the Pennsylvania School of Occupational Therapy of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving her certificate in Occupational Therapy in 1953. She went on to work in her chosen field, employed by the former Holy Ghost Hospital, now Youville Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After moving to Moorestown in 1955, she was employed by Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia and later Camden County General Hospital in Blackwood, New Jersey.

Married in 1953 to Stephen T. Smith of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in Chattanooga, she retired from Occupational Therapy to raise her family, become a full time homemaker and active community member in 1958. Betsy was a founding member of Save the Environment in Moorestown (STEM) and was recognized for over 50 years service to The League of Women Voters. Her community involvement included active membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, where she served on the Music

Committee, played in the Hand Bell Choir, and served as a Deacon.

She loved to travel with family and friends, enjoyed horseback riding and attending theater and Philadelphia Orchestra concerts.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Steve, sons Robert (Kathryn) of Marlton, Brian (Debra) of Tolland Connecticut, and Stephen Jr. (Suzanne) of Tabernacle, and seven grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Louise Hodgson, of North Hills, Pennsylvania, several cousins, nieces and nephews, and her beloved horse, Motorman.

Friends may visit on Monday, March 5, from 6 to 8 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, 101 Bridgeboro Road in Moorestown. Services will be held on Tuesday March 6 at 10:30 am in the church. Interment will follow immediately. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Save the Environment in Moorestown (STEM), P.O. Box 704, Moorestown, NJ 08057. [www.stemonline.org](http://www.stemonline.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Presbyterian Cemetery

101 Bridgeboro Rd  
Moorestown, NJ 08057

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
101 Bridgeboro Road  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
(856) 235-1688  
<http://www.fpcmoorestown.org>

## Service

MAR 6 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am saddened to learn of Mrs. Smith's death in an automobile accident. She was such a kind and friendly woman to me, a goofy teenager, when I worked for Mr. and Mrs. Smith at their ice cream restaurant. Mrs. Smith treated me like a kind Mom or Grandmom, not like an employee. She was a delight to be around and I am happy to know both her and her wonderful husband Mr. Smith are once again united where the streets are paved with gold. I look forward to the future day when I can see them both again in the place that Jesus has prepared for us. Rest in peace, wonderful lady.

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**Walter Alexander** - August 14, 2024 at 11:10 AM



“ Elizabeth " Betsy" Smith

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October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ Elizabeth " Betsy" Smith

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November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

MM

“ To Steve & Family,

*I have so many special memories of Betsy. I met her shortly after we moved to Moorestown in 1984. Our children were young then (now in their 30s) and our two sons --- Jeremy and Drew --- played in bell choir with Betsy for many years. I loved that experience for them and I cherish the memories of quiet conversations with Betsy when there were a few precious moments to share. Betsy was full of compassion, understanding and love. Our loss is most certainly heaven's gain. Her life was a book to show others how Christians should treat one another and should seek the good in others to lift them up and help them aspire to reach their greatest potential as they live out God's plan for their lives --- before each of us knows the greatest of joys of "home going". Betsy knows that joy now, and we look forward to a time when we will join her again --- at the time that is only known to God Himself.*

*With our love and prayers for each of you,*

*Marjorie & Chet Minarcik*

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**Marjorie Minarcik** - March 07, 2012 at 01:59 PM

TB

“ To the Smith Family,

*It was with a heavy heart that I learned of Betsy's passing. I have fond memories of "Mrs Smith" as a wonder lady who was always welcoming to her son's friends. She had that wonder grace that put everyone at ease and welcomed you to her home. I will always remember her that way.*

*You are in our hearts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Todd and Linda Black  
Chesapeake, VA*

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**Todd Black** - March 06, 2012 at 11:12 AM

JA

“ On behalf of the Allen family, we were very sorry to hear of Betsy's passing. We lived next door from 1962 until my parents move back to RI in 1997. Our thoughts and prays go out to Steve, Bob, Brian and Steven.

*John & Lisa Allen  
Barrington, IL*

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**John Allen** - March 04, 2012 at 09:56 PM

SS

“ *Dear Smith Family,  
Some people meet new friends through their work. Some people meet them through their children or through organizations. I met Betsy through our shared love of horses. I also board my horse at Sporty Acres Farm. I found Betsy to be a warm and caring person and I will miss her smiling face and her kindness. God bless all of you. With sincere sympathy, Sue Smith.*

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**Susan Smith** - March 04, 2012 at 09:00 PM

DW

“ Dear Smith Family,

*I was so sorry to read about the death of my dear childhood friend, Betsy, today, in The Chattanooga Times. I currently reside in Vero Beach, Florida.*

*Betsy and Louise were wonderful babysitters for my friend, Jasper Reynolds and me. My late mom (Betty Haymore Walley) and Frankie worked together during World War II*

*in the local Red Cross Chapter, serving troops on more than 140 passenger trains*

*daily in Chattanooga. I so well remember the charming Robertson home in Shepherd Hills and the wonderful butterfly collection upstairs. Betsy and Louise were always a joy to be with and inherited their mom's infectious good humor and sense of responsibility.*

*Jasper (now deceased) also adored them. His son, Jasper III, now has two children and lives in Chattanooga. Frankie and my mom as well as Mary Elizabeth McDonald*

*Reynolds were very, very close friends and often "lunched" together. I can still picture*

*Frankie Robertson in her tailored tweed suit and matching hat. And I can remember Betsy and Louise telling me all about college life....*

*My family has been blessed by the*

*friendship of the Robertsons.... And I will miss Betsy as will all who knew her....*

*With sincere condolences,*

*David Walley*

*Publisher*

*Vero Beachside News*

*4615 Highway A1A*

*Vero Beach, Florida 32963*

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David Walley - March 04, 2012 at 02:39 PM

GW

“ *The Rotary Club of Toms River wishes to extend its condolences to Steve Smith and his family on the loss of his wife, Betsy. The Smith family loss is also a loss to the Rotary family. - With deepest Condolences, Gale Wayman, Executive Secretary, TR Rotary*

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**Gale Wayman** - March 01, 2012 at 07:18 AM

MS

“ *She was an encourager, a shining light, such a positive influence to those around her. She has been a beacon in my since I hit the swimming pool as a child. Bob, Brian, young Steven --- I am truly sorry for your loss, your mother was a great woman. Mr Smith --- Words can express how sorry I am. It is the living that feels the pain for we know where she is, she has a God that has and is taking care of her. So do you. God is good under any circumstance, we will all be praying for your strength and perseverance.*

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**Mark Schneider** - March 01, 2012 at 07:15 AM