



Margaret Florence Smith

October 31, 1937 - February 16, 2023

Margaret Florence (Skelton) Smith, 85, of Gainesville, VA passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2023, surrounded by her family after a long battle with dementia.

Margaret was born and raised in Lincolnshire, England, the daughter of Henry and Gwendoline Skelton. Growing up on a farm in the Lincolnshire countryside gave her a love and appreciation for the outdoors, animals, gardening and a rainy English day.

She met her husband of 63 years, Leonard, on their school bus when they were adolescents. They married in 1960 and eventually decided to move with their young sons, Paul and Stuart, to the United States. After a brief stay in Montreal, Canada, they settled in Springfield, Virginia in 1967 and eventually added their daughter Sarah to the family.

Margaret dedicated her life to her most important roles of Mother and Grandmother. She volunteered in her children's schools, led their scouting groups and imparted the value of giving to others through her endless support of family and friends. After raising her children in Springfield and then Fairfax Station, she enjoyed traveling with Leonard; often spending time in England in the home they built when they were first married, her treasured Bungalow. She maintained lifelong friendships with many people. Most days, you would

find her in her garden, crafting gifts, chatting with friends over a good cup of tea or watching her favorite Liverpool football team.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her beloved granddaughter, Nicole Alexandra Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; her brother, Derick Skelton of Somerset, England; her children, Paul (Sue) Smith, Stuart Smith and Sarah (Mark) Pavlick; her grandchildren, Brian (Kat), Emily, Christopher, Melanie and Rachel; and her great-grandchildren, Ethan, Madison, Samantha and Cameron.

A Memorial Service will be held for family and friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110 at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 4, 2023. A reception will immediately follow. Internment will take place in England at a later date.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Reception

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I’m so terribly sorry for your families loss. I pray that fond memories give you all reason to smile & laugh. Hugs!

Debbie Coleby - March 04, 2023 at 10:14 AM

AM

“ Aunt Liz, Amanda and Michael. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Florence Smith.



Aunt Liz, Amanda and Michael. - March 01, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret Florence Smith.



February 27, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margaret Florence Smith.



February 22, 2023 at 10:18 AM

BB

“ *Stu,
My condolences go out to you and your dad and your whole family during this sad time. I wish you and your family peace, comfort, courage, and the love of family and friends to help you through this time of sorrow.
Best Regards,
Bill B.*

Bill Brogan - February 22, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Florence Smith.*



February 21, 2023 at 11:47 AM

DH

“ *Margaret and my late wife, Ann, were splendid friends in Springfield, VA, Margaret was always so supportive of her family and friends.
God bless you, Margaret, Don Hudenburg*

Don Hudenburg - February 21, 2023 at 07:30 AM

SP

*Thank you Mr. Hudenburg. It's lovely to hear from you. Mom and Mrs H. did have so much fun together. I hope they are enjoying time together again.
Sarah*

Sarah Smith Pavlick - February 27, 2023 at 01:43 AM