



Marilyn Smith

December 7, 1927 - December 9, 2013

Marilyn D. Smith, 86, of Pembroke Pines, Florida passed away Monday, December 9, 2013 at Winthrop Hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of Allen A. Smith with whom she spent 45 years of a great marriage. She was born in Brooklyn, daughter of the late John and Estelle Murray. She graduated from Bishop McDonnell High School and Hunter College of the City University of New York with a degree in Economics and Math. While in high school and college she worked at a variety of jobs including Western Union, Chase Manhattan, Blue Cross and Kresges (K-mart) and Standard & Poor's. She was proud to attend the Commissioning of the USS Missouri with her father who implemented the electrical design of its famous guns.

After her marriage to the late John Eugene Donovan, she worked at Republic Aircraft calculating the wing specifications of the P-47 and operated its Univac Computer. She then attended Hofstra University and received a Master's in Education, and later attended CW Post and obtained a Master's in Library Science. She became a school teacher and taught math at middle schools in the Smithtown School District for many years. She loved traveling, gourmet cooking and pets. She was a member of the Curly-Coated Retriever Club and bred and loved many dogs, yet much later in life adopted a cat. She also sailed around the world on the Queen Elizabeth 2 and around South America on the Queen Mary 2. She was known for her sense of humor. She was predeceased by her first husband, John E. Donovan and her cousins William West and James O'Neill.

She is survived by her husband Allen A. Smith, daughter Virginia Donovan MD and son-in-law Tom Eyerman of Roslyn, New York, daughter Althea Donovan MD of West Chester PA, her grandson Thomas Eyerman Jr and cousin Florence Dell'Arena and her family, and her many friends.

Her funeral mass will be held on Saturday December 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. from the St. Mary's RC Church, Roslyn New York. A viewing will be Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Roslyn Heights Funeral Home, 75 Mineola Avenue, Roslyn, New York. Interment will be at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Carol's Cause Inc., 304 Barwick Boulevard, Mineola, NY. 11501-2103 or to Curly-Coated Retriever Club of America with a note "Roc Fund" c/o Andy Ayers, CCRCA Treasurer, 510 W. Harrison, Street, Maumee, OH 43537-

Cemetery

St. Charles Cemetery

Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY,

Events

DEC **Visiting** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Roslyn Heights Funeral Home

75 Mineola Ave, Roslyn Heights, NY, US, 11577

DEC **Visiting** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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DEC **Mass** 11:00AM - 11:45AM

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St. Mary's R.C. Church

110 Bryant Avenue, Roslyn, NY, US, 11576

Comments



“ Dear Mom,
I am so glad that you stopped one time and told me I was a good daughter. Some parents never actually say that to their children. You fully supported me through the ups and downs of my life. I will miss your laugh but I can still feel your love. Althea

althea donovan - December 15, 2013 at 06:46 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn Smith.



December 11, 2013 at 12:10 PM



“ There are few people in someone's life that makes a great impression on it. Someone that takes a chance even if they barely know you or in this case didn't at all. I had this happening back in 2007 when I was looking for the dog that I wanted which was Nadia. Marilyn Smith gave me that chance when no one else would or they were skeptical whether to or not. She still questioned me like everyone else but she took a chance. I was new to the curly breed and had no idea where to start and as green as they come. I had wanted to show Nadia but she was more for my hunting. Marilyn helped me, she gave me advice, contacts, and a whole lot of support. I always kept in contact with Marilyn since then even after Nadia passed. She even in a small way helped me get Xena. She didn't only support Me there but also in my everyday life. I enjoyed the times when our families were able to get together at the Curly nationals. It was like family and felt like it. I will miss all that. She will be really missed. Every time I look at the pictures of Nadia I will always remember the chance she gave me with a very special breed and a very special dog that not everyone may experience.

Rodney Brasfield - December 11, 2013 at 07:44 AM



“ I will never forget the joyful look on Marilyn's face when I got her wonderful Curly, Big Boy, to howl with me. We were in the parking lot of the hotel outside of Philadelphia at the 1994 Curly National and Big Boy was "talking" to me. I started to howl and he joined me. Marilyn thought that was so hilarious especially since he'd never howled before. I will always remember her lovely smile, and will miss chatting with her at the dog shows. The dog world has lost a great sportsman with her passing.

Penny Sleeth - December 10, 2013 at 05:58 PM