



Patricia L. Smith

February 4, 1937 - July 19, 2023

Patricia Keene Smith, 86, went to be with her Lord and savior Jesus Christ on July 19, 2023. Pat was welcomed into the world in Boston, MA the only child of Albert Raymond Keene and Dorothy Bone Keene. A graduate of North Quincy High School, class of 1954, she went on to attend Chandler School for Women in Boston, MA for a year and then worked at the offices of the Howard Johnson Co. in Wollaston for a year. In June of 1956 she traveled to Liverpool, England, to marry her high school sweetheart, Lewis M. Smith, Jr., while he was serving with the United States Air Force at Bentwaters AFB near Ipswich. There they began an eventful 20-year adventure moving from place to place as Lew served. After sojourns in England and Turkey, and in Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, New York, and California, Pat and her three children lived in Hingham, MA with her mom and stepdad while Lew served in Vietnam. He later served in Korea. Lew retired from military service in 1974 at Westover AFB in MA. The family then settled in Chicopee and Pat enjoyed a long career as a disability claims examiner at a local insurance company. After Lew's passing in 1991, she moved to a new home in Holiday Circle post-retirement before later moving to the Keystone Commons senior community in nearby Ludlow. A life-long Christian, she grew up in the Wollaston Baptist Church. While living in Chicopee she was a member of Beulah Baptist Church where she remained active for many years, serving her Lord in many capacities. Later, after her move to Keystone Commons, she joined the congregation at Second Baptist Church in South Hadley. Pat loved to read and always had a

good book in progress. A devotee of every kind of flower, she loved and tended many lovely gardens over the years. She loved the beach, especially Nantasket Beach in Hull, MA. And, when growing up, Old Orchard Beach in Ocean Park, ME. Pat's love of the ocean included several memorable cruises: one to Alaska from Vancouver with her mother, another to Bermuda with Lew for their 25th wedding anniversary, and a New England Coastal cruise with her friend Marge Sigda. She also served as a volunteer with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts when her children were young, and, after retirement, in the neonatal intensive care unit at Baystate Hospital. In late life, she was fond of watching her favorite TV programs each evening with a bowl of vanilla bean ice cream and her kitty snuggled in her lap. She never missed a baseball game when her beloved Red Sox were playing or football with the New England Patriots. Pat was preceded in death by her father, Albert Keene; her stepfather, Gordon Sanderson; her mother, Dorothy Bone Sanderson; and her husband, Lewis M. Smith, Jr. She is survived by daughter Robin (Smith) Turner and her husband Artie Turner of Dallas, TX; son Gary Smith and wife Shelley; daughter Sandi (Smith) Mahoney—beloved caregiver—and her husband Don Mahoney of Chicopee, MA; grandchildren Sean O'Neill of Chicopee; Matthew Tatsch and Catherine Tatsch of Dallas, TX; and Tyler Smith and Griffin Smith; as well as cousins David and Terry Lister of Duxbury, MA and Virginia and Chuck McCall of Old Orchard Beach, ME; her extended Smith family; and many dear friends. Calling hours are Thursday, July 27th from 11:00-12:15PM at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front Street, Chicopee followed by a celebration of Pat's life at Second Baptist Church, 589 Granby Road, South Hadley at 1:00PM. Burial will be held on Friday, July 28th, at 10:45AM in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Donations in Pat's memory can be made to the Springfield Rescue Mission, 10 Mill St., Springfield, MA 01108.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts National Cemetery

Connery Ave
Bourne, MA 02532

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 592-9256
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

Service

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Second Baptist Church
589 Granby Road
South Hadley, MA 01075

Burial

JUL 28. 10:45 AM (ET)

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