



Jean Welch Smith

April 1, 1928 - February 9, 2025

Jean W. Smith of Worton, Maryland passed away on February 9th, 2025, at the age of 96.

Born April 1st, 1928, to the late Frank S. and Grace W. Welch, Jean reveled in having her birthday on April Fool's Day. Friends and family alike would thoroughly enjoy helping her to celebrate her special day with a prank or joke that would keep her laughing for years to come. In the mid 1940's, she began her nursing

career at what was then known as the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital. She worked during the era of her father-in-law, the late Dr. Frank W. Smith, who co-founded the hospital in 1935. It is while there, she met her future husband, Calvin C. Smith Sr, when he was a patient. They were married on April 8th, 1950, and shared 56 years together before his death in 2006. Jean left nursing to raise her family, dedicating herself to her children and volunteering with activities related to them. The most notable were the Junior Choir Mother for St Paul's Episcopal Church and Den Mother for the Boy Scouts. In the years that followed, she returned to the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital but this time as a member of the Auxiliary Board where she held many positions. For many years, she enjoyed the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the hospital. She spent countless hours getting volunteer coverage for all shifts while delighting in being a volunteer herself. Over the years, she took pleasure in being a Gray Lady for the American Red Cross, a Weight Watchers Speaker, a member of the Women's League of Washington College,

a member of Lauriette Chi Sorority of Beta Phi Epsilon and a volunteer for the United Way. She deeply appreciated the collection and studying of antiques that would eventually lead her down the path of joining with a few close friends to found Cadwalader of Kent Questers, the first of such groups in the region. Her admiration and collection of antiques was also carried out by her membership in the American Antiques Art Association. While she enjoyed holding many positions in these groups, planning activities and securing guest speakers brought her the most joy over the years. She will be remembered for her uncanny ability to always look for the positive side in life, "to make the best out of any situation." Her natural amiability found her with friends wherever she went. Her zest for life was evidenced when she was surrounded by her many "Friday Lunch Bunch Friends", a group of friends she gathered with for many years, to meet at different locations throughout the area. Their laughter filled the restaurants wherever they decided to meet. While she had quite an active life with all of the organizations she was affiliated with over the years, her truest passion was her family. She was not only a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she was also a steadfast best friend. She will live on in the hearts and minds of all those she has left behind. She is survived by her daughter, Roberta S. Rengarts (Andrew), her son, Calvin C. Smith Jr (Cheryl), grandson Nicholas Smith-Rengarts (Jayme), granddaughters Erin McArdle (Andrew), Karmin Smith, Sarah Sutton (Ryan) along with great grandchildren Gene Rengarts, Owen Sutton, Cole Sutton, Claire Sutton, Cadence Smith and Meghan McArdle. Funeral Service will be held on February 17th, 2025, 1:00 PM at St Paul's Church, 7579 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown, MD 21620. Interment will be in St Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Johns Hopkins Jeannette and Daniel Schapiro Geriatric Medical Education Fund in memory of Jean W. Smith. Donations may be made online (<https://secure.jhu.edu/form/geriatrc>) or via a check made out to Johns Hopkins Medicine. If you are donating by check, please include Schapiro Medical Ed. on the memo line and mail it to Johns Hopkins

University and Medicine, Attn: Department of Medicine/Geriatric Medicine, PO
Box 49143, Baltimore
MD 21297-9143.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Paul's Kent
7579 Sandy Bottom Rd
Chestertown, MD 21620-4520
(410) 778-1540

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Mrs are farts, I am so Very sorry for the Loss of your Wonderful Mom. She was Such a Lovely Lady, that I Remember you speaking VERY Highly of When I was a Student of yours. My thoughts, Love & Prayers go out to you & your family as you navigate through this difficult time.*

Shirley Shaffer McPeek - February 24, 2025 at 07:23 AM

SM

Omg!!... I am Soooo Sorry— when I Typed this, it was Addressed to Mrs Rengarts— & I can't seem to find the way to delete my Horribly Embarrassing Comment..

Shirley Shaffer McPeek - February 24, 2025 at 07:26 AM

JS

“ *Jean loved the Strong family and I have always loved the story about her care for me when I was an infant. I will miss her. May God bless you all.*
Judy

Julia Strong - February 16, 2025 at 08:14 AM

FF

“ *From Your CLN 9 Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jean Welch Smith.*



From Your CLN 9 Family - February 15, 2025 at 08:24 PM

FV

“ From your SSL Family including Ron & Val planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Welch Smith.

From your SSL Family including Ron & Val - February 14, 2025 at 02:38 PM

FV

“ From your SSL Family including Ron & Val purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Welch Smith.



From your SSL Family including Ron & Val - February 14, 2025 at 02:38 PM

KB

“ I had the privilege of meeting and caring for Ms. Jean for a short period of time last year. I knew right away that she was a very special lady! She was so full of grace and love and you felt it immediately! I am praying for Roberta, Andy and the rest of her lovely family. Peace and love, Karen



Karen Blankenship - February 14, 2025 at 08:59 AM

JE

“ Jenifer Emley lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



jenifer emley - February 14, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - February 13, 2025 at 11:40 AM

NG

“ *Nancy And Jim Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Nancy and Jim Greenwood - February 12, 2025 at 04:58 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Hudson Brown lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Phyllis Hudson Brown - February 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM

TM

“ *The McArdles (Erin, Andrew & Meghan) purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jean Welch Smith.*



The McArdles (Erin, Andrew & Meghan) - February 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Tom Knox - February 11, 2025 at 08:24 PM

DN

“ Debbie Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Debbie Nickerson - February 11, 2025 at 05:52 PM

SM

“ Sandy McClary- lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Sandy McClary- - February 11, 2025 at 05:17 PM

SM

“ Suzie Miller lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Suzie Miller - February 11, 2025 at 04:36 PM

ST

“ *Heaven surely gained a new angel with you, Miss Jean! Thank you for the time you did in this world and for being my friend! Rest in eternal peace! My sincere condolences to your loving family.*



Sharon Truitt - February 11, 2025 at 04:16 PM

MR

“ *Maryann & Max Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Maryann & Max Ruehrmund - February 11, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CL

“ *Tues. 2-11-25
Was very sorry to read of Ms. Jean Smith's passing yesterday at hospice.
What can I say;; a first class lady friend went to heaven for peace.
Ms. Jean lived a HAPPY, BEAUTIFUL, SUCCESSFUL LIFE, of which her family will never forget.
She made the world a better place.
God speed to her wonderful family & the kindness she has shone through ROBERTA.
CAROL. LUONGO, Easton. MD
carol.luongo3@gmail.com*



Carol Luongo - February 11, 2025 at 11:44 AM

LP

“ *She was a beautiful lady inside and out.
Always a joy. I'll never forget the time. She
can stop by and play ball with my girls in our
front yard 🥰
She definitely will be missed*



Lee Phillips - February 11, 2025 at 11:07 AM

GB

“ *Ginny Blake lit a candle in memory of Jean
Welch Smith*



Ginny Blake - February 11, 2025 at 10:21 AM

MW

“ *Marian Walbert Wyble lit a candle in memory
of Jean Welch Smith*



Marian Walbert Wyble - February 11, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Sharon Crew lit a candle in memory of Jean
Welch Smith*



Sharon Crew - February 11, 2025 at 09:30 AM

EF

“ *Elaine Fithian lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Elaine Fithian - February 11, 2025 at 08:59 AM

SK

“ *Jean Smith was a dear friend to my Mom as was Calvin to my Dad. She was always an encourager no matter the circumstances. I imagine the Lunch Bunch have found each other in heaven. My sympathy to her family...you were blessed!*

Shari Herr Keen - February 11, 2025 at 08:49 AM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Mark Mumford - February 11, 2025 at 08:08 AM

KD

“ *Loved every trip taken to the Eastern shore usually always a stop at uncle Calvin's and aunt Jean's I will treasure my memories I spent there Aunt Jean always made our visit enjoyable God bless Kristin (Szymusiak) Dixon*

Kristin Dixon - February 11, 2025 at 06:48 AM

WM

“ *Wes And Mary Adda Moore lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Wes and Mary Adda Moore - February 11, 2025 at 06:15 AM

DK

“ *I am sorry that Aunt Jean has passed on, and also sorry that I did not get to visit her very often. I remember playing their old pump organ and fishing in their pond. She told me that while she was giving birth she briefly saw Jesus, and I believe her. We'll miss you.*

David Krause - February 10, 2025 at 10:22 PM

IT

“ *Inez Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Inez Thompson - February 10, 2025 at 08:07 PM

LW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Jeans passing. She was a wonderful woman who was always interested in anything and everybody. I remember staying at her house one summer on my way to my grandparents and she made a duck for dinner, it was very greasy from what I remember but she made it with love. They would have the family in on summer weekends for a reunion of sorts, a gracious hostess. I remember a picture of her, Aunt Kay, My grandmom (her sister in law) and my mom and me, such a great memory. I also loved fishing in the pond they had, only caught carps and we always threw them back in. We love you Aunt Jean and know that you and Uncle Calvin are in heaven just catching up.

Laurie and Evans Winemiller - February 10, 2025 at 07:20 PM

DB

“ *Diane and David Baxter*



Diane Baxter - February 10, 2025 at 07:15 PM

RT

“ *Richard & Bonnie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Richard & Bonnie Thomas - February 10, 2025 at 07:02 PM

FL

“ Frankie And Cathy Legg lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Frankie and Cathy Legg - February 10, 2025 at 05:54 PM

LP

“ Lori Butler Perry lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Lori Butler Perry - February 10, 2025 at 05:52 PM

TM

“ The McArdles lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



The McArdles - February 10, 2025 at 05:03 PM

PN

“ Phillip And Susan Nickerson lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith



Phillip and Susan Nickerson - February 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Jeanette Stubbs - February 10, 2025 at 03:54 PM

PM

“ *Pam & Tommy Marvel lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Pam & Tommy Marvel - February 10, 2025 at 03:51 PM

JD

“ *Joyce And Lee Davis lit a candle in memory of Jean Welch Smith*



Joyce and Lee Davis - February 10, 2025 at 03:32 PM