



## Laura Gears Dowling Smith

October 6, 1927 - December 20, 2015

Laura Gears Dowling Smith of Sudlersville, MD, died on Sunday, December 20, 2015, at University of Maryland Shore Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Chestertown. She was 88.

Born on October 6, 1927, in Still Pond, MD, she was the daughter of the late Perry and Grace Ethel Crofoot Gears. She was a member of the Class of 1946 of Chestertown High School. She married Leroy Dowling and had four children, Connie Dowling Slade (Byron) of York, PA, Laura “Lolly” Dowling Riordan (Bart) of Goldsboro, and Betty Dowling (Mike) of Henderson; and a son, Robert Dowling (Kathy) of Chestertown.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker in Broadneck for many years. She worked in various retail stores and raised a happy family. She later married David W. Smith, who predeceased her in 2014. Mrs. Smith was a member of Worton United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, reading, and living in the country.

She is survived by six grandchildren, Kelly Anthony, Matt Anthony, Kristan Droter, Lynden Slade, Kate Dowling Stone, and Walker Dowling; seven great-grandchildren, Alison Murray, Gabe Stone, Finn Stone, Caleb Stone, Jack Droter, Max Droter Wolf Droter; three stepdaughters, Patricia Smith Lusby of Still Pond, Jane Smith Will of Mt. Airy, and Margaret Smith Heavlow of

Galena; and two stepsons, David W. Smith, Jr., of Crumpton, and Mark A. Smith of Worton.

She was predeceased by a sister, Bonnie Turner Smith, and three brothers, Perry Gears, Jim Gears and William (Shorty) Gears.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 2015, at 11 a.m. in Chester Cemetery, Chestertown.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chester Cemetery  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Gears Dowling Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Laura Gears Dowling Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jo Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of  
Laura Gears Dowling Smith*



**Jo Ann Edwards** - January 02, 2016 at 03:25 PM



*What a sweet and gentle person Laura was. Thoughts and prayers to  
her children and grandchildren.*

**Jo Ann Edwards** - January 02, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in  
memory of Laura Gears Dowling Smith*



**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - December 23, 2015 at 08:50 AM

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*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

**Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski** - December 23, 2015 at 08:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Gears Dowling Smith.*



December 22, 2015 at 08:36 AM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss, she was such a nice lady.*  
*Joyce (Dulin) & Wayne Bradley*



**Joyce & Wayne Bradley** - December 21, 2015 at 03:21 PM