



L. Cecelia Smith

July 31, 1917 - August 1, 2008

Lucy Cecelia “Ceil” Haddaway Sullivan Smith, 91, of Oxford, MD went home to be with the Lord early Friday morning, August 1, 2008. She was a resident of Caroline Home for Hospice when she died.

Born July 31, 1917 to Alexander Bradford and Martha Schutz Haddaway in Tilghman she attended public schools there. In her early years she worked in the local seafood houses of Tilghman. She moved to Woodstown, NJ for four years to be a nanny for a family in that town. She moved back to Tilghman where she lived until she married her first husband, Ira Clifton Sullivan (1915-1968) on September 1, 1941. They lived in New York City and Baltimore before moving to Oxford, MD in 1943. In 1973, Ceil married Joseph Carroll Smith (1915-1981). The family she loved grew that day when her adult stepchildren: Shirley, Ione, Cookie, Peetie, Phil and Richard entered the family.

A housewife until 1962, she started employment with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Laboratory, Oxford, retiring 22 years later. During her tenure at the Lab she rose to the position of Histology Supervisor, was honored as Woman of the Year in 1975 by the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Center and co-authored a manual of histological techniques, published by the U.S. Government Printing Office with Dorothy W. Howard.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her four brothers and two sisters. Ceil is survived by her children; Elizabeth "Beth" Sullivan and husband William "Hoyle" Ragsdale Jr. and grandson, Michael R. Ragsdale and wife Melissa, William "Bill" C. and wife Jane Pleasanton Sullivan and granddaughter Stephanie S. Hunter and husband Jason and John R. and wife Ruth P. Sullivan and grandson Robert "Carter" Sullivan and wife Kèvan. She is also survived by four adored great-grandchildren, Sydney, Will, Meghan and Mason, as well as, many nieces, nephews and great friends.

Upon her death she was the oldest surviving member of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary and the second oldest surviving member of the Oxford United Methodist Church. She cherished her time with those organizations and also the Ladies Auxiliary of the E.E. Streets Memorial Post #5118 V.F.W. of Easton and the B.P.O. Easton Elks, Lodge # 1622. She enjoyed spending time with Oxford's "Golden Girls" and all their adventures.

Services will be held Saturday, August 9, 2008 at the Oxford United Methodist Church at 10 AM with burial in Oxford Cemetery. Viewing will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 South Harrison St., Easton, MD, Friday August 8, 2008 from 6 to 8 PM.

In lieu of flowers memorial offerings may be made to Oxford Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., 300 Oxford Rd., Oxford, MD 21654; Caroline Hospice Foundation, P. O. Box 362, Denton, MD 21629; Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601 or Oxford United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 117, Oxford, MD 21654.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Oxford United Methodist Church
Oxford, MD

Tribute Wall



“ L. Cecelia Smith

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ L. Cecelia Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ L. Cecelia Smith

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss,I used to wait on Cecelia at the Golden Corral every Thursday night I would always get her 2 chicken legs at her request.She was the sweetest lady around.God bless the family.##imported-begin##jennifer Marquardt##imported-end##

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