



## Lena Marie Smith-Cole

December 16, 1923 - December 27, 2015

Lena Marie Smith-Cole passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on December 27, 2015, at Talbot Hospice. She was 92.

She was born on December 16, 1923, in Easton, MD. She was the daughter of the late Arthur Leveve Swartz, Sr., and Annie Katherine Eberhard. Soon after graduating from Easton High School in 1940, she began working as a secretary for J. McKinney Willis and later for Dan Henry, Esq. She then began her career working for Maryland National/Bank of America. After retirement, she spent many hours volunteering for Shore Health Systems and the Diagnostic & Imaging Center in Easton.

Lena Marie was a loving wife, mother, and a busy homemaker on the farm, while tending to her vegetable and flower gardens. She was known for her beautiful peonies. Lena Marie loved playing cards at the Elks and Senior Center, while she also loved to play Rummikub with her daughter and her caregivers. She also enjoyed going on bus trips in her free time. Lena Marie had been member of the Grace Lutheran Church since birth. She was also a member of the Easton Elks Lodge #1622.

The family would like to thank all the special caregivers for their love and support throughout her final years.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Jo Bender of Salisbury and Lewis Howard Smith, Jr. (Gwen) of Easton; two step-daughters, Marta Cole Gibson of Cambridge and Connie Cole Lewis of Easton; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey King, Barry King (Laura), Amy Priest (Doug), Wendy Sauca (Sam), Randy Bender (Bruce), Nicole Bender, Pat Bender, Matthew Bender (Cherianne), Chrystal Lewis and Nichole Bordley; nine great-grandchildren, Maddy and Morgan Sauca, Hunter and Sean Priest, Mayson, Kendall and Brody King, and Sydney and Christian Bender. She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Marie Swartz of Easton, along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Lena Marie was preceded in death by her first husband of 42 years, Lewis Howard Smith, Sr.; her second husband of 14 years, Francis Cole; a brother, Arthur L. Swartz, Jr.; and sisters, Anna Mae Rash and Dorothy E. Fischer.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2015, from 1-2 p.m., with the service to follow at 2 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, 111 Brookletts Ave., in Easton. Burial will follow at the New Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton.

Flowers would be greatly appreciated or memorial donations may be made to the Talbot Hospice House, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery Details

## New Spring Hill

Aurora Street  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **31**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lena Marie Smith-Cole*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lena Marie Smith-Cole*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Cherish the memories, she will be forever in your hearts.*

*J.R. and Bonnie Wooters*

**Bonnie Wooters** - January 06, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *Lew Gwen and family so sorry to hear of your loss*

*Danny poet*

**Danny Poet** - December 30, 2015 at 07:12 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in God's promise to "swallow up death forever" and to "wipe away the tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:8)*

**christie c** - December 30, 2015 at 07:46 AM

AB

“ Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Lena Marie Smith-Cole



Agnes Blades - December 30, 2015 at 05:45 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena Marie Smith-Cole.



December 29, 2015 at 11:36 PM

NS

“ Joe & Nancy Strahl sent flowers in memory of good times at the farm with Lena Marie and family.

Nancy Strahl - December 29, 2015 at 10:39 PM

RB

“ Randy and Bruce purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Lena Marie Smith-Cole.



Randy and Bruce - December 29, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lena Marie Smith-Cole.*



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December 28, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Lena Marie's passing. I worked with her many years ago, but will always be thankful to her for her help with getting me a full time job and always being there for me. Thoughts and prayers for her family.*

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**Gervios** - December 28, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Beverly S. Hahn lit a candle in memory of Lena Marie Smith-Cole*



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**Beverly S. Hahn** - December 28, 2015 at 07:14 PM



*Smitty and family, so sorry to read this. Lena Marie was a wonderful woman who will be missed. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Beverly S. Hahn** - December 28, 2015 at 07:27 PM

DD

“ *Dianne Dulin lit a candle in memory of Lena Marie Smith-Cole*



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**dianne dulin** - December 28, 2015 at 06:05 PM