



## Martha Ann Smoot Chidsey

January 10, 1929 - December 3, 2015

Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend, Martha (Martie) Ann Smoot Chidsey, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT, as the result of a fall.

She was born on January 10, 1929, in Washington, DC, to Martha and Ernest Smoot, the youngest of three children. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1947 and earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English from St. Lawrence University in 1951. She married Thomas C. Chidsey at Saint Albans Church that same year, and together they raised three children as well as ten dogs and four cats over the years. Martie was devoted to her children and husband, had a sophisticated charm and wry sense of humor, cherished the company of many friends, loved music, and was an accomplished artist (also a member of the Arts Club of Washington), and remained an avid Redskins fan.

She returned to college in her mid-40s to earn a Masters of Arts degree in theater from American University in 1977; her thesis was titled "The West Street Theatre, Annapolis, Maryland: 1771-1774." Martie traveled to Italy over 15 times where she studied art history in Florence and learned to sculpt in Pietra Santa. She retired in 1988 from the Montgomery County Department of Recreation where she was supervisor for visual arts, public art, and dance programs and concerts.

Martie is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years Tom; best friend and daughter, Martha; brother Ernest; and her parents. She is survived by sons, Tom Jr. (Mary) of Sandy, UT, and Steve (Sharon) of Ashland, ViA; son-in-law, Jeff Valler (Lianne) of McCordsville, IN; sister, Allie of Springfield, VA; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Kent in Chestertown, MD.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent  
7760 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Ann Smoot Chidsey*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Martha Ann Smoot Chidsey*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Martha Ann Smoot Chidsey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM