



Thelma Colleen Smith Dadds

January 25, 1931 - August 8, 2010

Thelma Colleen Smith Dadds, 79, of Fort Myers, Florida, was awarded with her heavenly angel wings on August 8, 2010.

Thelma was born on January 25, 1931, in Grasonville, Maryland to David and Sarah Smith. Thelma enjoyed growing up in Maryland with her many brothers and sisters. She was a familiar face to many in local restaurant establishments. She was known for her wit, beautiful smile, and the best customer service ever. Many folks will remember her from the Centreville Tea Room, the Islander, Hillside and H&G Restaurant.

After a lovely courtship she married Jack Dempsey Anthony Dadds, Sr. December 13, 1947 in Chestertown, Maryland.

Along the way the Lord blessed Thelma and Jack with four children, Jack Dempsey Anthony Dadds, Jr., Valerie D. Black, Sara Ann Smith, and April E. Dadds.

Thelma enjoyed many things such as cleaning and doing laundry, crossword puzzles, Wheel of Fortune, Eddie Arnold, and a nifty little handheld poker machine, when she couldn't play a slot machine. She loved music and dancing with Jack, and spending time with family and friends. But mostly she

adored her children, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren, and spending time with them.

Along with her husband Jack in their later years, these spry folks took over management of St. Michaels Cottages in the late 1980's and made many friends in that area. They spent several years there before Jack went ahead to prepare a place in heaven for Thelma.

Thelma retired from waitressing for H&G and managing St. Michaels Cottages, and moved to Radnor, Pennsylvania with her daughter Valerie and son-in-law David. After a little time in Pennsylvania, Thelma moved to Valerie and David's home in Fort Myers, Florida, where she reveled in spending time with her great granddaughter Emerson Black.

Thelma is survived by her sister Jean Cantner, her son Jack D.A. Dadds, Jr. and his wife Connie of Golt, Maryland; her daughter Valerie D. Black and her husband David R. Black of Fort Myers, Florida; her daughter Sara Ann Smith and her husband Roy W. Smith of Chestertown, and her daughter April E. Dadds of Millington, Maryland. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Derrick T. Dadds, Jacqueline J. Roth, Anthony Dadds, Chris Black and wife Lydia, Justin Black and wife Jaime, Darcy Elburn, Tristan Germann and wife Terran, and Jared Haze. As well she is survived by nine great grandchildren.

The service will be conducted by her son-in-law David R. Black. Visitation will be held on Thursday August 19th, 2010 at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Centreville, Md. A memorial gathering will follow at the funeral home from 7:30 until 8:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a contribution be made in Thelma Dadds' name to either the Florida Cancer Specialists, 15681 New Hampshire

Court, Fort Myers, Florida, 33908 or Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle,
Fort Myers, FL 33908

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in
Easton. For online tributes, please visit www.fhnfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Colleen Smith Dadds*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thelma Colleen Smith Dadds*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thelma Colleen Smith Dadds*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Miss Thelma. My thought and prayers are with you guys!###imported-begin###Kay Kersey Sigler###imported-end##*

August 25, 2010 at 08:07 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Dadds family. God bless###imported-begin###Sally Coleman###imported-end##*

August 19, 2010 at 05:30 PM



“ We could never have known and greater woman with a better heart. I (Tristan) was blessed to have the most amazing grandmother for 27+ years and I know she watches over me for the rest of my years. I (Terran) was blessed to know her for the time I could and to be accepted into her life. She was an angel on earth and lives on in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Tristan and Terran Germann##imported-end##

August 19, 2010 at 01:21 PM



“ Dear Sara and family,

So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. There is nothing easy about this grieving process but do cling to one another - it helps and is what your Mom would want you to do. May your memories be a comfort in the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

NancyFVB9##imported-begin##Nancy Toy##imported-end##

August 17, 2010 at 04:25 PM



“ Just a note to say thank you to all of the folks that have sent cards, posted here, called and expressed their condolences and other beautiful things about Mommy. She was such a fantastic person here on earth and I know she is one of God's brightest and most glorious Angels now. Everyone has had such great things to say and it blesses us to know how much Mom is missed and thought of.

Also wanted to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to Ryan and the staff here at the funeral home. These folks are a God send and are a beautiful group of people who have made this time so much easier for us. It is not an easy job and they have been wonderful to us.

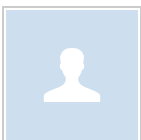
I miss you Mommy and I love you more than words can say.
Your middle daughter,
Sara##imported-begin##Sara Ann Dadds Smith##imported-end##

August 17, 2010 at 10:49 AM



“ I was sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Thelma. She was a special lady, which we all know, Hoping that the many happy memories you all have will help you through these hard times. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and thoughts of Aunt Thelma will always bring a smile to me.##imported-begin##nancy j. williams##imported-end##

August 14, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Thelma was such a remarkable lady and we will miss her!##imported-begin##Cindy, Jonathan, Adriana, Luca, Evan##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 07:47 PM



“ I would like to express my sincere sympathy for your loss. It is never easy to let a loved one go. May God comfort you at this time. May the promises of God's word that, soon, sickness and death will be defeated forever through His Kingdom, bring you hope (Isaiah 33:24 & 1 Cor 15:26). Until then, may God guard your hearts and most precious memories of your dear beloved one.##imported-begin##Dorrine hall##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ Sara – With much love our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for your loss.##imported-begin##The Whitehair's##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 12:35 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. When I spoke to you weeks ago you told me that your mother wasn't doing well so this is really a blessing for you and your family. I'll inject a bit of humor for you at this time, last evening was Thursday, August 12th. Not realizing the date of your mother's viewing, I went to Centreville to pay my respects only to find the funeral home locked up tight. When I arrived to work this morning, I checked the notice to discover the viewing isn't till next Thursday. Da!
Again, my sympathy is with you and your family.

Eileen##imported-begin##Eileen Rusden##imported-end##

August 13, 2010 at 07:20 AM



“ Jackie, Valerie, Sara & April
Oh how I will miss Aunt Thelma! She always had a warm smile and great big hug for me every time I saw her. I am so blessed to have had her my life and as my God-Mother. What a very special person who I will always hold close to my heart and miss so much. Love to each of you, because she loved her family so much.##imported-begin##Diane Ruth##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ Sara,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Carol Van Veen##imported-end##

August 12, 2010 at 08:41 AM



“ We were so fortunate to have mother with us for the last five years, enjoying our family, traveling and just being together. This woman, my mom, will be so missed. Thanks to those who have loved her. She was blessed to have all of you in her life.##imported-begin##Valerie Black##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 10:05 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Thema was always a great person.
May she rest in peace.

God Bless you all,
Diane Jones Kamp##imported-begin##Diane Jones
Kamp##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 04:03 PM



“ GiGi,

We love you to the sun and back! Your life lives on in our hearts,
memories and stories. You will be sorely missed but never
forgotten.

Lydia & Emerson##imported-begin##Lydia & Emerson##imported-
end##

August 11, 2010 at 03:38 PM



“ To Jack, Derrick, and Anthony. I am so sorry to hear of your Mother
and Grandmother's passing. Sharon Smith##imported-
begin##Sharon Smith##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 03:09 PM



“ To the Dadds Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Ms. Thelma was a very special person and treated everyone she met with respect and always in a freindly manner. Cherish your memories and know that she loved you all.##imported-begin##Connie Todd##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ Jack, Valerie, Sara, & April,

I was sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Thelma. She is someone that I have admired since my early childhood. I have wonderful memories of her and Uncle Jack. Thelma was a fantastic person with a kindness and love for her family like none other I have known. She was someone that I have gone to at times when I needed support and she would always give me the right advice. We have all been blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives like Uncle Jack and Aunt Thelma. My families thoughts and prayers are with you at such a difficult time.##imported-begin##Buster Nelson##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 10:38 AM



“ To the family of Thelma Dadds:
Thinking of all the family with a prayer in sympathy. I remember Thelma when she and Jack lived in Centreville when we lived there. Hoping the good memories will comfort the family during this difficult time.
Dottie##imported-begin##Dorothy Tarbutton##imported-end##

August 11, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ To the family of Ms. Thelma: A note of heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you. Your mother was a woman that we won't forget. She always had a smile and loved people. Her love for others will always be remembered. We know you have many fond memories that will remain in our hearts forever. God will give you the strength and love to get through this very difficult time. God Bless each one of you. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Maryland##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 09:50 PM



“ You will be missed. Your time here was such a blessing and we were all lucky to have been a part of your life.##imported-begin##Twila Wilson-Hauck##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ ToThe Dadds Family, I am sorry to hear of your great loss. Ms. Thelma did have a beautiful smile! I thank God that you all had time with her before her going on to be with her Lord! love and prayers to all of you! val whaley ivins##imported-begin##valerie whaley ivins##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 03:53 PM



“ Jackie, Valerie, Sara, and April, So sorry to hear that your mom has passed , I know this is a difficult time for you all, Hold on to all the good memories you have of her she was a wonderful woman. I will never forget the times with her when i came to your house in Centreville when we were growing up. Mom and Carl also sends their thoughts and prayers Love Linda###imported-begin##Linda Roe###imported-end##

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August 10, 2010 at 03:45 PM



“ Sara and Family, I'm so sorry for you lost of you mother. I know it is hard on us here on earth, but the only comfort I had with the lost of my father and brother is that they are happy, healthy and in the Lord's arms. They will be waiting for us when it is our time to go home. Love Barbara and Family###imported-begin##Barbara Coleman###imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ *Daddys Family- I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowful time and for the difficult days ahead of you. May it comfort you to know that your parents have been reunited.*

Jane Anthony##imported-begin##Jane Anthony##imported-end##

August 10, 2010 at 02:40 PM



“ I miss you Mommy, words can not express how much.

*There's magic in a Mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile.
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile.
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes.
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise.
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace,
And we see the light of heaven
Shining from a Mother's face.*

That Wonderful Mother of Mine

*The moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of that wonderful mother of mine.
The birds never sing but a message they bring
Of that wonderful mother of mine.
Just to bring back the time, that was so sweet to me,
Just to bring back the days, when I sat on her knee.*

*I pray ev'ry night to our Father above,
For that wonderful mother of mine.
I ask Him to keep her as long as He can
That -- wonderful mother of mine.
There are treasures on earth, that made life seem worthwhile,
But there's none can compare to my mother's smile.*

*You are a wonderful mother, dear old Mother of mine.
You'll hold a spot down deep in my heart,
'Till the stars no longer shine.*

*Your soul shall live on forever,
On through the fields of time.
For there'll never be another to me,
Like that wonderful Mother of mine.*

*...Clyde Hager##imported-begin##Sara Ann Dadds
Smith##imported-end##*

August 10, 2010 at 12:43 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We know that this is a sorrowful time, but remember that he is always with you. There is comfort in knowing that our loved ones are no longer in pain. Thank you Jesus##imported-begin##bonnie francis##imported-end##*

August 10, 2010 at 11:36 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Mom-Mom Thelma.
xoxo##imported-begin##Amy Higgs##imported-end##*

August 10, 2010 at 08:38 AM