



## Victoria Smith Friedman

October 12, 1921 - June 25, 2009

Dr. Victoria Smith-Friedman, MD, MPH, of Chestertown, MD, formerly of Albany and Kinderhook, NY, passed peacefully in her home on June 25, 2009. She was 87.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Puerto Rico, her medical degree from Laval University of Quebec, and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. She was a resident in psychiatry at the Albany Medical Center from 1961 -1964.

Over the next 30 years, Dr. Smith held various positions in her field. She served as Director of Mental Health Services for Greene County, NY; New York State epidemiologist; clinical physician at the Wilton Developmental Center; Director of the New York State Employee Health Service; Physician III at the Capital District Psychiatric Center; and as a consultant with the Whitney Young Health Center and the New York State Department of Social Services. She also maintained a private psychiatric practice in Albany and Kinderhook, NY, from 1964 -1994. In 1976, Dr. Smith received the Redway Award from the New York State Medical Society for her work on Reyes Syndrome. She was a life member of the American Psychiatric Association.

A resident of Kinderhook, NY, for 35 years, she was a member of the Kinderhook Garden Club, the Columbia County Historical Society, and an

honorary member of the Old Chatham Hunt Club. She was a fabulous cook who enjoyed entertaining. She and her husband moved to Chestertown in 2002.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Smith.

Dr. Smith is survived by her husband of 48 years, Herbert Friedman, Sr. of Chestertown; a son and his wife, Herbert and Sue Friedman, Jr. of Clifton Park, NY; two daughters and their husbands, Anne and David Singer of Chestertown and Ivette and Carlos Alvarez of Livingston, NJ and their daughter, Yvonne Ramos of Miami Beach, FL; a brother, John Smith of Rio Piedras, PR; five grandchildren, Rick Hackett, Charles Alvarez, Ashley Singer, Benjamin Friedman and Zachary Friedman; and a great-grandson, Rick Tyler Garcia Hackett.

A memorial service will be held on Monday June 29, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Chester River Hospital Center, 100 Brown St., Chestertown, MD 21620 or to the American Heart Association, 415 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Victoria Smith Friedman*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - August 29, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Victoria Smith Friedman*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Victoria Smith Friedman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Victoria Smith Friedman*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *My deepest condolences. I have vivid and wonderful memories of Vicky. Annie, you're in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Ann Birckmayer##imported-end##*

June 30, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Ivette:

*I know what a difficult time this must be for you. I also know why you are so successful: you had an awesome mother to be your role-model!*

*She was a woman to admire, and one who touched the lives of scads of people in a benevolent way.*

*Be proud to be her daughter, and remember how dearly she was loved by so many.*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers, as is your mom.*

*Fondly, Francine and Philip Aster###imported-begin###francine m. aster###imported-end##*

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June 29, 2009 at 04:12 PM



“ My Dear Ivette: I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family were very lucky, to have had your mother. Because, I understand that she was very very exceptional person. And now she is on the GOD's hand and she is taking care of you and your family. With love, Rosa Elena###imported-begin###ROSA ELENA###imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear Mr. Friendman and family:  
I was away since Thursday and just learned of Vicky's passing when I returned home yesterday evening. I, too, am sorry I didn't really get to know her. Illness has kept us from becoming close neighbors. Her Obituary shows the full life and accomplishments of a very special lady, who will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. I feel blessed to have you as a neighbor and look forward to our chats when you are out with Robbie. We are just a shout away if you need anything.  
Sincerely, Nila###imported-begin###Nila and Harold Coleman###imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you.

Love, Doug and Sue###imported-begin###Sue###imported-end##

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June 29, 2009 at 06:12 AM



“ *Because I can't be present at my friend Vicky's memorial but feel a strong need to say some of what I might have said to her and those who gather to celebrate her life, I'm setting it forth here.*

*Vicky was not only a model and support for many, including me; she was a Renaissance woman (nay person) ground-breaker and model with dignity, panache and sense of humor that cut a wide path for many to traverse with her insight and help, as needed.*

*My Vicky never took herself or anyone else too seriously in spite of all her academic, humanistic and professional achievements. While she was quick, curious, bright, strong and sensitive, she was also vulnerable. And because she could reveal her vulnerability, she provided cover and dignity to me, and I'm sure others, for our own weaknesses.*

*I will miss trading with wit her and knowing her counsel and support was available.*

*Victoria Smith Friedman has left a monumental legacy measured by the quantitative and qualitative impact she had on the multitude of lives of those of us she touched, which I, for one, can only hope to honor by sharing with those who remain and being there for those she loved.*

*Tears and Hugs*

*Rima Bostick###imported-begin###Rima Bostick###imported-end###*

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June 28, 2009 at 11:41 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. Your mom seemed liked an amazing woman! May her rest in peace.  
As a daughter who also lost an incredible mother, I can only tell you that my heart goes out to you.  
You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Marien Tartak###imported-begin##Marien Tartak###imported-end##*

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June 27, 2009 at 11:10 PM



“ *Ivette:*

*So sorry for your loss. Eighty-seven years is a full life these days.  
My best to you, Carlos, Ricky and Charlie.*

*With love,*

*Bob###imported-begin##Bob Dorkin###imported-end##*

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June 27, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ *There are those who travel through this world improving humanity and serving those in need. Your Mother was hand picked to serve those in crisis in a humane compassionate way. I am certain she will be missed by all and her legacy of service has been bestowed on her children. Celebrate her life and rejoice for today she is walking with God.###imported-begin##Evelyn Padin, Esq.###imported-end##*

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June 27, 2009 at 12:26 PM



“ Dear Ivette,

*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I would like to share my condolences with you and your family personally but the distance prohibits me from doing so; I hope that you will find it in your heart to forgive me.*

*Jerry##imported-begin##Jerry Newler##imported-end##*

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June 27, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you, Herb. From reading her obituary, I can understand how proud you are of her. I wish I had had the opportunity of knowing Mrs. Friedman when she was feeling well. I hope to be able to attend the service on Monday.##imported-begin##Sue Reep##imported-end##*

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June 26, 2009 at 09:05 PM