



Edna Frances Smith

April 10, 1919 - June 22, 2015

Edna Vardaman Smith was born on April 10, 1919, in Fayetteville, AL. She was the daughter of Porter Ratlief Vardaman and Gertrude Childress Vardaman. She was the wife of the late Lester Howell Smith, and was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Dr. Frances Lester Smith.

A graduate of Bessemer High School and Wheeler College, she worked for the War Department at Alabama Ordnance as Administrative Assistant to the commanding officers during World War II.

Mrs. Smith was the past president of Decatur Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Decatur Culture Club, and Stocks a Million Investment Club. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, as well as the Southern Conference of Methodist Women. A former member of the Morgan County Junior League, Mrs. Smith was also a member of the Decatur Cotillion Club.

She is survived by her nieces, Kay Porter Phillips, Mary Charles Vardaman Capp, Linda Vardaman Heller, Rosemary Vardaman Luquire, and Gerry Lynn Vardaman. Her nephews include Thomas Vardaman, Porter Vardaman, and Jon Vardaman. Great-nieces are Kathryn Keane, Fair Phillips Franklin, MistiKay Phillips, Tracie Heller, Julie Tarra, Heidi Heller Spehn, Nealy Vardaman Atkins, and Lauren Vardaman. Great-nephews are Christopher

Ivey, Mark Luquire, Michael Ivey, Christopher Heller, Matthew Luquire, and Zachary Vardaman. Mrs. Smith is survived by great-great-nieces, Kathryn Porter Franklin, Penelope Heller, and Brianna Luquire. Great-Great-nephews are Samuel Fosnaught, Jacob Fosnaught, Harrison Franklin, Jessie Phillips-Sorraco, Max Emmett Franklin, and Walker Atkins. Mrs. Smith is also survived by many beloved friends, especially James, June, and Melanie Odom; and Ross Malone and his family.

Pallbearers are her nephews, great-nephews, and great-great-nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are James Odom, Ross Malone, Clinton Malone, John Black, Gilbert Crane, William Capp, Arthur Luquire, Peter Nolan, Michael Keane, and the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Decatur.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 26, 2015, in the Parlor of First United Methodist Church of Decatur. Funeral service will follow at 11:00. Interment will be in Florence City Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Conducting the services will be the new pastor of First United Methodist Church of Decatur, Dr. Hughey Reynolds. Words of Commendation will be given by Dr. Rudy Guess, former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Decatur. Arrangements by Shelton Funeral Home.

The family requests no flowers. Donations may be made in Mrs. Smith's memory to favorite Decatur charities.

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to the Vardman Smith Families* ”



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