



Earla Beatrice Smith

December 19, 1918 - March 23, 2009

Earla Beatrice Smith, age 90, of Royal Oak, died March 23, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She was born December 19, 1918 in Royal Oak. Miss Smith started her career by teaching English during the consolidation of the Troy School District in September of 1941. At that time, the District was known as the Troy Consolidated Rural Agriculture School District FR1. She attended Wayne State University from 1937-1940 and received her master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1945. She retired as District Guidance Director in 1989 spending most of those years at Troy High School. She served on the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence from 1991-2005 in many different capacities. She was a past member of the Oakland County Counseling Association and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Miss Smith served the District with much dedication and loyalty. She influenced many Troy School District students in numerous aspects of their lives, not the least of which included making career choices and selecting educational avenues. She received numerous awards and recognitions, both before and after her retirement, for her work with students in the counseling arena. Miss Smith is survived by her cousins, Kevin D. McKinney of Snellville, GA, Kendal J. McKinney of Windsor, Ontario, Irene Hone nee Tyler of North Bay, Ontario and Carol Atwood. She was preceded in death by her fiancé Bud Judd; cousins, Marjorie E. McKinney nee Hickson and Dorothy Greenslade nee White; and parents, Rose Smith nee Hickson and James B. Smith, one of the founders of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Visitation will be held Thursday 2 – 9 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Miss Smith will lie in state Friday 10 a.m. until the time of service 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak. Burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Memorials to the Earla B. Smith Foundation would be appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was lucky enough to spend the last 18months with Earla during the day. We had alot of fun together I miss those great trips to the beauty shop and Hunter House burgers we both enjoyed. I miss you dearly. God Bless you Earla. Cheryl

Cheryl Brotz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ God Bless You our Dear Miss Smith. I shall always be grateful to you for all your loving, caring ways, teaching us to be upright students and Mothering us all in your own special way. I have always loved the way we all meant so much to you and you have always meant that special something to all of us. Our luncheon together at Red Run Golf Course will always remain in my heart. You are precious. May you always rest in the Peace and Love of Our Dear Sweet Lord Jesus and God Our Father. With much love, Judith Lanier

Judith E. Lanier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Earla was a special lady to me. We are sorry that we could not get to the funeral. We were out of town and did not learn of the passing until April 5th.

Janet Fenech - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I will always be grateful to Miss. Smith for opening the doors to my first job while I was a Junior at Troy High School in 1959. She was one of the most caring ladies I have ever met and she had a great impact on my life.

Dale A. Maker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Ms Smith: "Over the bar.... and out to sea" May God recieve you and bless you with happiness throughout eternity.

Al Murdock - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Ms Smith will be missed by all Troy High School alumni whose lives she touched. It's been a long while since I graduated from THS, but I'll always remember this wonderful person who took the time to know each one of us. For my brothers Jim, Gordon, and Ron, allow me to express our condolences to Ms Smith's family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Jamie L Blair Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I've known Earla for over 30 years--first, when I was placing exchange students, later as a parent of Troy Hi students and a community volunteer. She was a wonderful, caring woman who truly loved the students she worked with and the school district she served with such dedication. May her family find peace in knowing she lived long and well, gained the respect and love of those she met, and now rests in her Lord's arms.

Kathy Hutson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

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