



Martha Dean Smith

July 30, 1921 - February 9, 2019

Martha Dean Smith was 97 years young when she passed away peacefully on February 9, 2019. She was born in Valley Head, Alabama. She graduated from high school at age 16, having skipped second grade. She then attended Snead Community College in Boaz, Alabama. This was unusual for a woman since the Depression was still creating a very difficult life for most Americans. After finishing community college, she found a work-study opportunity and attended Auburn University her junior year. That opportunity ended but she then found a work-study opportunity and attended the University of Alabama (Crimson Tide) her senior year. In June of 1942, Martha married Donald G. Smith. Together, they moved to New Jersey where they had three daughters. In the late 1940's, Martha and Don moved the family to California, where they had two sons and another daughter. They lived in Orangevale, Alameda, Linden, and Oakland. In 1964, Martha and Don, along with four of their children, moved to Delhi for a business opportunity that they developed over the next few years. They later lived briefly in Fresno, Merced, and Vista before finally settling in Turlock in 1975, where Martha lived until her death.

Martha was a loving and caring person who helped care for her mother, mother-in-law, oldest daughter, and husband in their final years. As a grandmother, she happily filled in as needed to help care for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Martha is survived by her daughter Susan Hatton (Dan), her son Paul Smith (Gail), 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald, and her children Ruth, Gordon, Donna, and Carol.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock, followed by the internment. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice or to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Interment following Funeral Service

FEB 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Dean Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Dean Smith.*



February 14, 2019 at 11:39 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Martha Dean Smith.*



February 12, 2019 at 02:15 PM