



Margaret Smith

June 24, 1919 - May 22, 2014

Margaret Chamberlin Smith, 94, of Marion, IL, formerly of Anna, IL, died at 2:04AM Thursday, May 22, 2014 at Parkway Manor in Marion, IL.

Margaret was born on June 24, 1919 in Shelby County, Illinois to Frank and Lotty Chamberlin. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Tom Chamberlin. She is survived by a son, Bradley Don Smith of Marion and two daughters, Terri Fowler (Robert) of Port St. Lucie, FL and Brenda Edgar (Jim) of Springfield, IL.

She is, also survived by grandchildren, Mike (Robin) Fowler of GA, Tami Fowler of FL, Jodie and (Ron) Roppoccio of FL, Brad and (Stacey) Edgar of CO and Elizabeth and (Jon) Lowe of CO. Great grandchildren are Brendan and Connor Fowler, Bryan and Caitlyn Roppoccio, Dakota, Cali and Ellie Edgar, Jake and Cecilia Lowe.

Margaret received her B.S. degree in business education from Eastern Illinois University and her M.S. degree in business education from Southern Illinois University. She retired after 29 years of teaching in 1985. Twenty-three of those years were at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

She was a member of the Anna Methodist Church since 1960 and taught the B Square Sunday School Class for several years. She was a 60 year member

of the Vienna Daniel Chapman Chapter of DAR. She was a WWII Veteran, having served as a WASP (Women's Air Service Pilots) in 1944. The WASPS were militarized by Congress in 1977.

Many women at the start of WWII were compelled to contribute to the war effort. She went to St. Louis to learn Radio Code and went to Scott Air force Base where she taught Morse Code to pilots. While there, she was fascinated watching the flyers and loved to go barnstorming with a friend. Her dad approved taking flying lessons in nearby Mascoutah, Illinois. Soon she read about the new WASP program (Women's Air Service Pilots) where she was one of a little over 1,000 women accepted in the program. She was the first to solo in her class.

Visitation will be from 11:30AM to 2:00PM, Tuesday, May 27,2014 with services beginning at 2PM at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Burial will be at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Mattoon, Illinois

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Anna.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *We were sad to hear of Margaret's passing. We have many happy memories of her years as our neighbor in Anna. What a great lady. Our prayers are with you all. Tom & Carolyn Tripp*

Tom Tripp - May 27, 2014 at 08:28 PM



“ *Mrs. Smith was a spectacular and modest woman. When we visited her many times she was always caring, generous, modest, and concerned for others. We will truly miss seeing her as she always made us feel so much better with her positive outlook. Our prayers go out to Brenda Edgar and all of the family. Please remember that she made everyone better who had the honor and privilege to be in her company.*

Molly and Bill Norwood

William Norwood - May 26, 2014 at 05:07 PM



Maurine
Richter

“ *As a member of the Illinois Patriot Guard, it would have been an honor to stand a flag line for this amazing woman. Please know that her accomplishments and service to her country are greatly appreciated by me. You were such a lucky family to have her in your lives for such a long time.*

*Maurine Richter
New Berlin, IL
maurineric@yahoo.com*

Maurine Richter - May 24, 2014 at 11:47 AM

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So sorry to your family. I am sure it had to be difficult to accomplish so much when you were also trying to raise a baby

karen rummel - February 25, 2024 at 12:23 PM