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Lee L. Smith, a long-time resident of Germantown, Tennessee, died peacefully in her home on Monday the 20th of December at the age of 71 years. Born in 1939 in Jackson Heights, New York to the parents of Dominic Lagana and Diane de la Parra Lagana. Lee attended Dumont High School in Dumont, N.J. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Caldwell College in 1963. She continued her education and received a Masters of Arts Degree in Library Science in 1980 from Seton Hall University. Lee married Peter A. Smith on June 22, 1963. She is survived by her husband, Peter, her children Jacqueline, Peter, Kathleen, and Michael. She is survived by her sisters Marie Demarest and Donna Cislak, and her brother-in-law Ralph Demarest. She has eight grandchildren, Emily, Julia, Peter, Jake, Dahlia, Viviana, Madyson, and Lyla. She has two son-in-laws Mark Heil and Jerry Getsos, and a daughter-in-law Holly Smith. She has five nieces Carole, Patti, Alicia, Jennifer, Kristin, and two nephews Randi and David. She also is survived by lifelong friend Margie Ercole. Her career included years of teaching English and Art at Dumont High School and Middle School in New Jersey. In Shelby county her career included Librarian of Holy Rosary, Vice Principal of St. Benedicts, Librarian Collierville Middle School. She also sponsored the Beta Club, Book Fair, and Peer Counseling at Collierville Middle School. Lee L. Smith has received numerous honors and awards, including Pi Delta Epsilon 1962, Xi Gamma Chapter of Kapa Delta Pi, 1980. She was actively involved in the church community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the following organizations: Vice President and Member, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild, Eucharistic Minister/Lector, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, the Communication Commission on Parrish Council, Guild Chairperson of the Book Club (08/09), and Nominating Committee (08/09) Other community organizations included past president of the Germantown Performing Arts Center (GPAC) Women's Guild, 20th Century Garden Club member, and Vice President of



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Memphis/Germantown Art League (MGAL). Lee was an accomplished artist and her artistic ability was recognized by numerous awards including the Star Artist in Germantown Art League. Wake and Funeral Services will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 8151 Poplar Ave Germantown, TN 38138 and are as follows: Visitation: Sunday, December 26, 5-7 p.m. and Funeral Mass: Monday, December 27, 11 a.m. Reception to follow at the Church. A memorial fund will be established in her honor. There are Four Seasons: Marriage, Children, Teacher, Church. Always a Mother.



Tribute Wall

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SH

Susan And Timothy Hansen posted:

We have memories of Lee on our wedding day, though she and Peter missed the day, they were present in spirit and of course very good friends to my uncle. We will miss her dearly.

January 21 at 6:47 PM

VP

Val Woods Piatkowski posted:

Your mother was pure strength. She was a beautiful woman inside and outside. It was so evident of her love for her family. The world will be sad without her.

December 30 at 5:29 PM

DH

David And Debbie Hudson posted:

We want to express our sympathy in the loss of your loved one and to let you know that many thoughts are with you.

December 29 at 5:33 PM

CK

Chris And John Krosnes posted:

We're in Winchester, VA and only now heard the news. We extend our deepest sympathies to Peter and the children.

December 27 at 7:50 PM

KC

Kristin Cislak posted:

I feel so blessed to have known you and loved you for 30 years. You were such an amazing Aunt, mentor, advisor, and friend. I cherish that "summer in Memphis" and our perfect last Christmas. I may call on you for help and guidance from time to time, it se

December 26 at 11:52 AM

JM

Jean Mccauley posted:

Dear Precious Peter and all, I am so very sorry for your pain and empty feeling. I pray for all of you daily and now I will talk with Lee daily. The memories we shared are etched in my mind, especially from when my family was whole. You know Lee is now

December 25 at 6:05 PM



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SD

Sue Desimone posted:

Dear Peter and Family, My heart goes out to you and the family in your loss. As you all know very well, Lee was a very special person with many talents and gifts that she shared very generously. I am so glad Ann and I got to spend a little time with he

December 25 at 1:24 PM

AM

Ann & Kevin Mcdermott posted:

Dear Peter & Family We are so sorry to hear of Lee's Passing. She was a wonderful friend for so many years. We have so many fond memories of being together with you in Marriage Encounter and our trip to Hawaii and our many good times together. Our Pray

December 25 at 12:19 PM

KK

Kathleen Hishon Kazinci posted:

Dear Peter and Family, Please accept my deepest sympathy of Lee's passing. God Bless her. She certainly left behind a trail of service and dedication and much love in the hearts of those who knew her. I was fortunate to have been given the gift fr

December 23 at 5:21 PM

MG

Margaret Garland posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy to Lee's family. We cherish her friendship in 20th Century Home & Garden Club and her many talents. She will be sincerely missed. Margaret Garland

December 23 at 5:18 PM

ST

Sue Thompson posted:

Dear Peter and family, I had a call from Ann Harrington telling me that Lee passed away on Monday evening. I am both happy and sad at the same time. Happy that she is with our precious Lord and relieved of her suffering and sad for all of us that she lef

December 23 at 9:47 AM



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Rene & Bill Platten posted:

Our prayers go out to you Peter and your beautiful family. Lee will be missed by so many with her always willing to give and helping to benefit others spirit. Sorry we won't be able to attend the services because we will be out of town but our thoughts

December 22 at 11:46 AM



Mark Newman posted:

Our deepest sympathy to Pete and family.

December 22 at 8:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lee by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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