



Dorothy Winifred Smith

October 2, 1923 - May 14, 2025

Smith, Dorothy Winifred, age 101 of Teaneck, NJ and formerly of Scranton, PA passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, May 14 surrounded by her family.

Beloved wife to the late Granville Clark Smith (2002). Devoted mother of four children: Cheryl Major and husband Harvey; Valerie Jackson and husband David; Granville Clark Smith, Jr. and wife Julie; and Debra Lea Payne; ten grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She will be deeply missed by extended family and friends too numerous to mention.

As per her wishes, Dorothy was cremated on Friday, May 16, 2025. She will be remembered as a woman of faith, having a warm and generous spirit with lifelong dedication to family, church and community.

A memorial service and celebration of Dorothy's life will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11:00am at The Presbyterian Church of Teaneck, 1 Church Street, Teaneck, NJ 07666 where she was an active member of the congregation for more than fifty years.

In lieu of flowers, please mail donations to:

Bennett College

Attn: Institutional Advancement

Scholarship Fund: Dorothy Walker Smith '45

900 E. Washington Street

Greensboro, NC 27401

(Include in memoriam: Dorothy Walker Smith Scholarship)

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Teaneck
1 Church Street
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I have so many loving memories to cherish of Mrs. Smith. She always welcomed my sister and I into her home to visit with Debbie on a regular basis. She was always loving and warm. She really treated us like her daughters and we love her for it. Condolences to Debbie and the family, cherish your memories.



With Love,
Deborah Johnson

Deborah Johnson - June 28, 2025 at 01:21 PM

CA

“ This was in celebration of her 95th birthday! I've always looked at Mrs. Dottie as the example of how I want to live my life-Full, Loving, and Unapologetic. She was always so generous with her memories and wisdom , and I'm grateful for the time I had to know and love her.



Chelsey Anderson - June 25, 2025 at 07:15 PM

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Florent BARRÉ - June 24, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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Florent BARRÉ - June 24, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RB

“ Robert Behrens lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Winifred Smith



Robert Behrens - June 01, 2025 at 01:36 PM

RB

“ I was Dotty's sprinkler contractor for many years. I would look forward to my visits with her and the many discussions we had over the years. She would keep me up to date on her travels and her large family. I also enjoyed the cheese cake she would sell me every year from her church! I will miss her sitting in the kitchen, talking and laughing with me! Rest in peace Dotty. You have a special place in heaven! My deepest sympathy to her large family.
Bob Behrens

Robert Behrens - June 01, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ Me and GG at my graduation in Sweden Malmö, I was so happy she flew all the way over to be with me and my family for this day. I will treasure my memories with you forever. Rest in peace to a true queen and inspiration ❤️



Sophie Lundgren - May 23, 2025 at 02:35 PM

SP

Dotty has a huge extended family as Joe and I, Selena, our children Shandra and Joshua were invited into Dotty's fold starting when we moved to Teaneck in 1979. We shared many tea times speaking about political issues, the health of the congregation and of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Dotty was interested in hearing about the Summer of '64, as Joe shared experiences he'd had as a volunteer. This provided hours of reflection. I remember meeting with Dotty as we prayed, discussed, in the backyard, her accepting to become an Elder on session of Teaneck Pres.....and then listening to Dotty sharing stories of Smitty and her from the Scranton days!!! When we returned to the '..far East' after our years in Guatemala and Joe was on Agriculture Missions staff, our apartment in Edgewater was furnished with many items from Dotty's home. After our moving to Phoenix, we were able to visit with her when she came to visit Lawyer. Laughter, tears, futures, pick-up picnics in her backyard were a delightful sharing. One day she shared a surprise! Her TV was on and she was working in her kitchen when Dotty heard a sound similar to her own voice. She went to see who it was and much to her surprise.... It was "myself" during an interview with a young woman from her college interviewing Dotty about her life, her faith and more! Thank you, Dotty, for sharing your visions, gift of life with us.

Selena Petersen-Keesecker - May 25, 2025 at 08:43 PM