



Lila A. (Bietz) Smith

October 27, 1940 - June 16, 2015

Lila A. (Bietz) Smith, age 74, wife of William E. Smith, of Chester Springs, PA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at home surrounded by family under the care of Main Line Hospice. Born in Clearfield, PA, she was a daughter of Luther and Malista (Haag) Bietz.

Mrs. Smith was a graduate of the Curwensville High School and West Chester University, and was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester Springs. She was involved with the Salvation Army, and was part of the Goose Group, which donated, packaged, and sent care packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mrs. Smith was previously the Chairwoman of the West Pikeland Historical Society and of the Outreach Society at her church, and was on the Women's Auxiliary of the Williamson Trade School. Mrs. Smith was an avid crafter, canner, and reader. She retired as an educator, but continued a lifetime of teaching.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by two sons, Erle, husband of Amanda Smith of Millersville and Brian Smith of Chester Springs; granddaughter Sadie Smith and "adopted" granddaughter Alessia Buoso; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her memorial service at the St.

Peter's Lutheran Church, 1239 Clover Mill Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425 on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Officiating will be Rev. Ronald P. Wesemann. Burial will take place privately. Friends will be received at the church from 9:30-10:45 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church at the above address, or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery
1239 Clover Mill Road
Chester Springs, PA 19425

Service

JUN 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BI

“ *BILL sent a virtual gift in memory of Lila A.
(Bietz) Smith*



BILL - July 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM

MR

“ *We are saddened by your loss. Aunt Lila was a warm and caring individual and she will be missed by the many whose lives she touched. Our deepest sympathy and prayers for your entire family.*

Beth (Mignot) Rogers

Mrs. Rogers - June 30, 2015 at 08:05 PM

BS

“ *BILL SMITH lit a candle in memory of Lila A.
(Bietz) Smith*



BILL SMITH - June 23, 2015 at 08:31 PM

RP

“ We’re saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved Lila. My deepest condolences for you and for your family. I can’t imagine how painful it is for you but don’t forget that we’ll always be there to console you. Having lost a loved one is a difficult moment of life. May god provide you with the strength needed to cope with your loss, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Ron Patterson

Ron Patterson - June 21, 2015 at 10:20 PM

NJ

“ When my late husband, Orlin and I met Bill and Lila on a cruise to Alaska it was instant friendship! Such wonderful people and we felt like we had known them for years. Bill, when you and Lila invited us to come spend a week in your home, we were hesitant to plan to be guests for that long ... but I could tell Lila would have been hurt if we had stayed the whole time in your home. And we were so blessed to have spent the time with you! Lila had a notebook prepared of options for our time and food ready in advance to free her while we were there. You two where the best host/hostess pair I have ever encountered. Your friends became friends of ours! WE LOVED our time with you.

Then were delighted when a few years later we were able to take another cruise with you two! Special time of more bonding. My heart aches for you and the boys and families. She was a special woman, mother and grandma. May God give you strength and peace to go on living as she lived! In love, faith, courage and generosity to all.
Norma Johnson

Norma Johnson - June 20, 2015 at 08:44 PM

KB

“ I fully believe that everyone you meet serves a purpose in your life whether you know it at the moment or recognize it long down the road. I am thankful to have known Lila through her involvement at St. Peter's Lutheran. To me, she brought to life the saying . . . "as American as apple pie." Lila was the one announcing collections for the troops, bringing vegetables from the garden and organizing crafts among the church members for fundraising and fun. She also kept me informed of community events and shared her vast knowledge of local history. Her values were an inspiration that kept me grounded week to week amidst the noise of modern life.

Bill, we wish you strength and send our love during this difficult time. Lila was a special person and will be missed by so many.

Kim Bagi (Aiden & Kira too) and Judy Hutchings

Kim Bagi - June 19, 2015 at 08:25 PM

BT

“ Uncle Billy, Earle, Amanda, Sadie and Brian: So sorry for your loss, but we know she's at peace and in a better place now. I have so many good memories and we always had a good time at The Dinner Theatre. We love all of you!! Bonnie, John and "the Zoo"



Bonnie Trego - June 19, 2015 at 07:04 PM

CW

“ Bill - I am so sorry to you and your family for the loss pf Lila . Lila was God's servant and one of the finest people I ever met. God be with you all and comfort you during this difficult time. I am glad that I got to know her. Love, Cathy

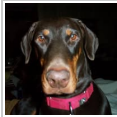
Cathy Wesemann - June 19, 2015 at 03:17 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - June 19, 2015 at 09:23 AM



Great pictures and memories of a long time friend. Wonderful tribute. God Bless.

David Monteith - June 19, 2015 at 03:16 PM

WF

Wonderful!! Our prayers are with Lila and you Bill wayne and gail

wayne freese - June 19, 2015 at 05:05 PM

BS

Erle did a good job with his picks. Thanks Dad

BILL SMITH - July 04, 2015 at 11:45 AM

PE

This is a beautiful memorial and I'm sure Lila would love all her boys put into it with their love. Bill, there isn't much I or anyone can say that would help fill the void you have now in your life. My heart aches for you all and I'm sure, with God, Lila is at peace and watching over all of you. God bless and keep you. I sure missed a lot more than I thought about previously. Lovingly,

Patricia West Ensor - July 30, 2015 at 03:11 PM

OD

“ We shared so much throughout life I have always considered her not really an aunt but a sister. I have many happy memories of Lila, as children, playing in the fields, reading books, snitching pop from the cooler at the store, picking berries, taking long walks, playing in the stream. Sharing a room when she went to college. Working at Camp Louise. Both teaching, getting married, having children. We always stayed in touch. I loved her so much and she will always live in my heart where I can always hear her laughter and see her smile. Remember all the happy moments and she will always be with you also.

Love Orrell

Orrell Dunn - June 18, 2015 at 07:03 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - June 18, 2015 at 05:26 PM



Meredith
Murphy

what a beautiful video.

Meredith Murphy - June 19, 2015 at 05:12 PM

SU

“ *Lila was such a wonderful woman. There was nothing she wouldn't do for anyone. She was definitely not a person who sits around. Lila enjoyed doing things for people & organizing get togethers. Lila supported her boys in everything they did from Scouts, Swimming, Music, and trips. Her life was her family. She will be missed. There is a hole in the world tonight. Rest well Lila, I'm sure you will soon be busy on the other side.*



Sue - June 18, 2015 at 05:03 PM

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Sue - June 18, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lila A. (Bietz) Smith.*



June 18, 2015 at 04:49 PM