



Marian Elizabeth (Peck) Smith

November 13, 1929 - June 15, 2022

Marian Elizabeth (Peck) Smith, 92, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. She was born in Syracuse, NY to Oliver and Anna (Schimanski) Peck. Marian grew up on the Westside of Syracuse and graduated from Blodgett Vocational High School, where she made life-long friendships, enjoying monthly lunches with the “VO Girls” throughout her retirement.

After marrying her “blue-eyed Bob,” they purchased a home on the Northside where they raised five children and lived for 63 years. Her children were her life’s joy, and nothing made her happier than to be surrounded by family. She reveled in hearing stories about her children, grandchildren, and great-grands.

As her children advanced in school, she began a career at Blue Cross/Blue Shield first in data entry and later retiring as a systems analyst. She regularly impressed her grandchildren with her computer and technology know-how.

Marian lived a life of service to others, volunteering at St. John the Baptist School, and at St. John the Baptist Church overseeing the Sunday nursery program and later serving as a volunteer with the food pantry. Upon her retirement, she helped individuals new to the U.S. learn English as an ESOL tutor through White Branch Library.

A natural artist, Marian enjoyed rug hooking and crafting. Her creative skills were fully on display when it came to writing. She was a gifted writer up to her final days and had the story of her cancer journey published in the YMCA of Greater Syracuse’s cancer support book: “Hopeful, Grateful, Strong: Survivor Stories.” Marian volunteered at Francis House and was a member of the Francis House Auxiliary. She also enjoyed bowling and was a lifelong Syracuse Basketball fan.

Marian was predeceased by her husband of 68 years Robert Smith. She is survived by her five children, Susan (John) Duerr of North Syracuse; Kathyrn (Ken) Lance of North Syracuse, Paul (Jayne Regan) Smith of Raleigh, NC, Janis (Joe) DeVore of Haymarket, VA, and Michael (Erin) Smith of Saratoga Springs, NY; ten grandchildren Adam (Tracy)

Duerr, Megan (Dan) Stewart, Gretchen Duerr, Brett Lance, Rachel, Rebecca and Luke DeVore, Noah, Eli and Caleb Smith, and great-grandchildren Katelyn, Abigail and Patrick Duerr, and Daniel, Devon and Leah Stewart.

She will be remembered always by her family as a loving, generous, and supportive mother, and grandmother.

A funeral mass in celebration of Marian's life will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 10:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Church, 406 Park Street, Syracuse, NY, to be followed by a private entombment at Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Marian's memory can be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY 13208 or Clear Path for Veterans at 1223 Salt Spring Road, Chittenango, NY 13037.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum

800 Grant Boulevard
Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, NY
13203

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church
406 Court Street
Syracuse, NY 13208

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas J. Pirro Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marian Elizabeth (Peck) Smith



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - June 17 at 01:27 PM

SB

your mom and my mom (Rose Mary Connors) loved to chat it up about doings at SJB. She and your dad were so kind to mom after dad passed. I loved looking at the 'surprises' in her life. a kind and gentle woman. She was very proud of all of you! I am quite sure there was a crowd to greet her in heaven from my parents to the other pantry folks and the northsiders. RIP Mrs. Smith and thank you for your giving and kindness to all of us.

Susanne Bowman - June 18 at 03:16 PM

RP

*Kathy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember your Mom to be a sweet and caring person.
Prayerfully,
Ro Procopio Crisalli*

Rose Marie Procopio - June 20 at 12:01 PM

KB

“ *I enjoyed the time when I was little spending time at your parent's house in the mornings before school. It was fun to be in a house with all those kids. Over the years our parents remained close and were very helpful to my mom after Dad passed in 2006. Your mom was a determined lady and battled hard with her own health. She would stop in to chat and have tea with mom right up until close to mom's death. Susan, Kathy, Paul, Janis and Michael my thoughts are with you all. XOXO Kristen (Connors) Brown*

Kristen Brown - June 20 at 02:23 PM

SG

“ Kathy and family,
I did not know your mom but, from her obituary, she loved greatly and served generously, and thus led a godly life. While you bid her goodbye with tears because of the love you shared, she is welcomed in heaven by God and all whom she touched who went before her. Kathy, I have watched you love and honor your mom by the way you cared for her over years of time; you are a model of strength and devotion. May you and your family celebrate the blessing your mom was to you in your lives, and be comforted by your memories of your time together and your faith that she is now in God's loving embrace.
With sympathy and prayers,
Sue Gobat

Sue Gobat - June 19 at 11:20 PM

DF

“ Unlike most of the others here, I never knew Marion until her final years, but was so happy to be included as an extension of the VO Girls. She was an inspiration to me in how she rose above her challenges and continued to find joy and happiness. I loved that smile and always felt she knew a little secret she wasn't quite ready to share. I also admire the steadfast friendships she nurtured throughout her entire life and the very obvious love and pride that she gave (and received) from her dear family. She will be sorely missed, but she leaves behind a wonderful legacy that we can all cherish. Rest In Peace, dear Marion.

Denise Bliss (and Helen Falge) - June 19 at 10:07 AM

AS

“ Paul and family -
I'm so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful woman. I can see you in your Mom's face. Will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. To a life well lived. May happy memories of your Mom help you all thru this difficult time.

Anne Sommers - June 17 at 01:47 PM

MD

“ Paul, Susan, Kathy, Janis, and Michael, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was so kind and thoughtful to me as well as all the Baptist students as we grew up on the Northside. I have so many great memories from being in the Smith home in our formative years, but one sticks out, and that was the chicken dinner. Paul I know you will remember! Your mom handled that so beautifully.

The Darby family sends its thoughts and prayers for your mom and to each of you. Your mom will be missed tremendously.

Mark, Rosanna and all the Darby's

Mark Darby - June 17 at 10:14 AM

BL

“ Sorry for the loss. I know how it feels to lose your mother after taking care of her for so long. We you you all. Sorry we can't be with you.

Becky and Gene Lucas - June 17 at 09:45 AM

NB

“ I will miss this beautiful friend of mine. Hugs and Kisses Marian.

Nancy Bergeson

Nancy Bergeson - June 17 at 09:10 AM

JD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Janis DeVore - June 16 at 08:01 PM

JD

“ 33 files added to the tribute wall



Janis DeVore - June 16 at 07:35 PM