



Cecelia Rose Smith

September 18, 1936 - January 31, 2026

Cecelia Smith passed away peacefully at Indigo Carolina Forest. Born in Boston, Massachusetts to Cecelia and James Linehan, Cecelia grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts, graduating from Brookline High School in 1954. She attended 2 years of college before joining the US Air Force in October 1956 where she met her husband of 62 years, the late Billy R. Smith. She raised six children, James, Cecelia, Billy Jr, Teresa, Alicia and Gregory.

She finished her degree at the University of Maryland completing her post graduate degree at Georgetown University. She began her educational profession as a history teacher in Prince George's County, retiring as a guidance counselor from Forrestville High School in (1998). She retired to Georgia where she went back to work at the local Greensboro high school as a guidance counselor before retiring again.

She moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in 2018. She was a Rotarian, an avid golfer including coaching golf for high school teams, enjoyed singing in the church choir and quilting. Along with her six children, she had 19 grandchildren and many great grandchildren that she loved very much. She was a devout Catholic and will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery alongside her husband.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Sorry for your family’s loss. She was a very good teacher and a nicer person. Reading her obituary made me smile at all the things she has done and that I did not know about her. May she rest in peace and enjoy her new journey and getting to be with her husband again.
Shirley Pelletier

Shirley A Pelletier - April 03 at 05:14 PM

KE

“ Alicia and family,
I am so saddened that we weren't able to visit with our favorite teacher before she transitioned.

She was the BEST! We were her "Dating Game" class because a few of us were couples dating in her class who actually got married. She attended my wedding and reception and my family loved her.

She enjoyed us and we enjoyed her. Only if we could've stayed in her class all day.

May she Rest in Peace until God sounds His trumpet and descends down to raise His beloved into the Heavens.

Our love for her is infinite. 🌹

Kim (Harris) Ellis - April 03 at 12:20 PM

AS

Thank you, Kim ❤️

Alicia Smith - April 09 at 03:21 PM

CT

“ I was planning a trip to Myrtle Beach in the coming month and just looked up Cecelia's address online and found this instead, and my heart fell. I was a little too late. I had wanted to visit her on behalf of my mom who passed away in Aug 23 and give Cecelia, whom we fondly called C, a big hug. Instead, I am here offering the Smith family my deepest condolences. Cecelia and my mother, both from Massachusetts and redheads, met as young girls in the Air Force in the late 50's. They also found their future husbands together on the same air force base. Years later our families ended up in Maryland together where our fathers were once again stationed at the same air base, Andrews AFB and in the SAM FOX unit together. We kids all went to the same high school. Both my mother and Cecelia went on to work for the PG County School System together. My mom described C as a whirlwind of a teacher who had a knack of finding the kids who needed help the most and sharing her love, strength, and guidance. She said some people were born teachers and Cecelia was one. The friendship my mother and Cecelia had was based on love, mutual respect, lots of laughter, and so much shared history. My daughter's love of sewing was sparked by Cecelia. I will never forget the enduring friendship C provided to our family for 65+ years. Cecelia touched countless lives and made lasting impressions everywhere she went. She was one of a kind. Here's to blue skies and tailwinds Cecelia Rose Smith. You served your country, family, and friends well. You led an amazing life!! I take solace knowing my mother was there to welcome her home. Keeping the Smith Family - James, Cecelia, Teresa, Billy Jr, Alicia, and Greg in my prayers in the coming months. With deepest regards from the Karnes Family. With love and respect from Cathy



Cathy Karnes Tarver - February 28 at 12:14 AM

AS

*Cathy,
That was beautiful! Thank you so.much! Our mom's will be missed
dearly!*

Alicia Smith - April 09 at 03:25 PM

KD

“ *A lovely lady. Upbeat. Fun to share lunch, learn from, and laugh with at our Conway Rotary Club meetings. One day she honored us as our “guest speaker”, talking from the heart about her days in the Air Force, her love of her husband, and her time waiting at home with their children while he served as a rescue pilot in Viet Nam. Please know that we will remember our fellow Rotarian as we pray at the beginning of our meeting this week. Personally, I will lift all of you up in prayer at Mass at Frassati Catholic Church. Thank you for the times that you brought her after she could no longer drive.*

Kathleen Steers DiMarino - February 15 at 04:00 PM

JA

“ *I remember her from the Lake Oconee Quilt Guild, and got to know her a little at a quilting retreat. She was such fun to be around, and so impressive as an educator and advocate for children.I was sorry to see her move, and I wished I had known her longer. I know she'll be missed by family and friends.*

Johanna Adams - February 14 at 05:55 AM

AS

“ Mom,
I will miss you immensely! I know you are up there with dad, PJ and all of your closest family. I am so glad I got to visit you before you left us. This is not goodbye, it is just see ya later. I love you and will miss you❤️



Alicia Smith - February 13 at 01:45 PM

LW

So sorry for your loss Billy and your family.

Lori and Walt - February 18 at 01:19 AM

KP

“ Grandma, we love you so much! Always will. I hope you and Grandpa are somewhere dancing again. I miss you.
Love: Kat Lizard



Kathleen Paige - February 12 at 05:44 PM

JM

To the Smith family you have my condolences for your loss of this great lady!!
I am blessed to have had her as my teacher and friend.
God bless you all! Jim Murphy Class of 1980.

Jim Murphy - April 03 at 02:56 PM