



## Mary Helen Smith

December 31, 1963 - May 22, 2017

Mary Helen Smith, age 53, of Roswell, GA passed away unexpectedly on May 22, 2017 after a well-lived but too-short life. She was born to the late Lt. Col Richard M. and Madeline G. Smith at Wurtsmith AFB, MI on December 31, 1963. The youngest of five daughters, she also lived at Tachikawa AFB, Japan and Shaw AFB, SC before the family settled in Tallahassee, FL in 1974. She graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee and Valdosta State College, where she earned a degree in elementary education and was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Mary taught in the public schools briefly before joining the insurance industry, working most recently at NBIS. Mary was active in the Journey Christian Church in Roswell, including the Monday night ladies' Bible study, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was proud to have been recently inducted into the Daughters of the American Revolution. She gave of herself generously and quietly to many causes and was a loving daughter, sister, cousin, and friend. Mary also made us laugh.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by sister, Rebecca M. Lewis, and many beloved cats. She is survived by her cats Midnight and Kate Smith; sisters Katherine Adams of Cairo, GA, Elizabeth A. Zix (Jim) of Ft Wayne, IN, and Virginia F. Smith (Jack Thornton) of Annapolis, MD; and seven nieces and nephews. She also had many devoted friends, neighbors, co-workers, and extended family who will miss her dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 27th at the Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA. Visitation with family and friends will precede the service starting at 10 am. Mary loved flowers, so please send them - they will go to good use after the service. But she would also appreciate memorial contributions to the animal welfare society or service veteran charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Memorial Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Helen Smith*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We had the pleasure of working with Mary. She was sweet to the core and possessed a sly sense of humor. We were truly saddened to hear of her passing. She will be missed and long remembered.*

*Gary M. Hellman, Esq.  
Goldman & Hellman*

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**Gary Hellman** - June 05, 2017 at 04:59 PM

BC

“ *Art: I just learned last night about Mary’s passing. How terribly, terribly sad. I’m sure you have already received many words about Mary’s genuine kindness and wonderful sense of humor. I felt compelled to add mine.*

*In a business/industry where all too often the “human side” of things gets lost/forgotten, Mary was a breath of fresh air. I always enjoyed speaking with her about claims and life...she truly understood balance and values, both professional and personal.*

*Please extend my deepest sympathies to your entire NBIS family. It was my privilege to have known and worked with Mary. Joy and laughter seemed to follow her, and she always made me smile. I will miss her very, very much.*

*Kind Regards,  
Bill*

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**Bill Crabill** - May 31, 2017 at 07:12 AM

TS

“*Mary Smith will certainly be missed!! I was fortunate to have had the wonderful privilege of working side by side with Mary for eight years. I can tell you that Mary is one of the sweetest and most giving individuals I have ever encountered bar none! When we refer to southern hospitality I would say Mary embodied it. When we say kindness, she walked in. When we say giving, she gave without looking for anything in return. Professionally, Mary was one of the most skilled claims adjusters I know. She could rip apart even some of the most complex coverage analysis. What I admired most about Mary was her unique ability to console people. In some of the most catastrophic accidents that Mary was assigned to handle I have I watched and listened to Mary console many loved ones. I truly believe Mary’s ability to console people in some of the most dark moments was a divine grace and gift from God. Mary had a unique ability to put people at ease and encourage them but also assure them that no matter how bad the loss is they will get through it. My friends, that is not a trait that is learned, I believe it’s a divine grace and gifting. You don’t go to school to learn how to console people, you’re graced with that ability at birth and Mary had it. All of us have a divine gift that has been given yet many of us don’t recognize it and maximize it so that it bears fruit in our fellow man. Well Mary certainly walked in that grace. I’m glad I was afforded the opportunity to work with Mary, to laugh with her, and at times pray with her. She will certainly be missed. God Bless Mary Helen Smith and her family she was special, she was graceful and she kind.*

*Tyrone Silva, another one of Mary’s NBIS Family members.*



**Tyrone Silva** - May 26, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LT

“ Love, Jennifer Tucker purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Smith.



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**Love, Jennifer Tucker** - May 26, 2017 at 11:50 AM

AF

“ Art Kirkner, NBIS family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Smith.



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**Art Kirkner, NBIS family** - May 26, 2017 at 08:16 AM

AK

“ Mary was a colleague and friend and it was a pleasure and privilege to work with and to know her. If you believe there are angels among us, Mary was certainly one. She would not hesitate to help others. A wonderful baker, Mary's cookies and pastries filled us while the delicious aroma filled the office. Two things stand out about Mary, her strong faith and her caring heart. She dedicated herself to caring for her ailing mother first, often making the long trek to Florida knowing that she was quite ill, herself. Her faith was strong and she was a student of the Bible and invariably our business discussions ended with a chat about a Bible passage. Mary's gentle, caring and loving heart will be greatly missed here. But there is joy knowing that Mary now walks upon streets paved with gold in her new Home!

*Art Kirkner, one of her many NBIS family*

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**Art Kirkner** - May 26, 2017 at 08:12 AM

DW

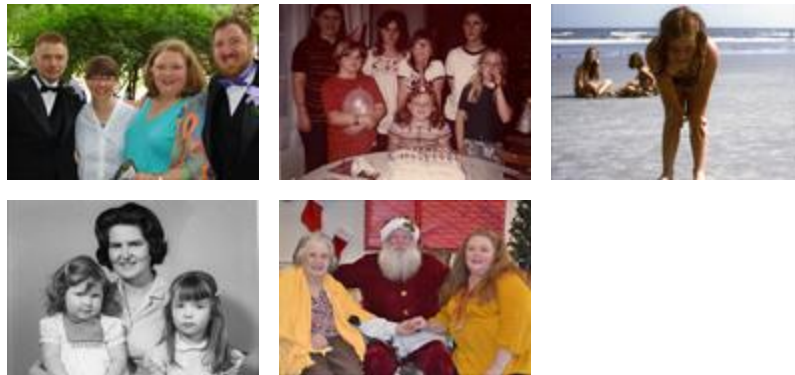
“ Mary Helen and I were blessed to join UDC at the same time. We were immediate friends and served on a UDC committee together. We were surely friends. She was a most gracious, caring, and nurturing friend. I cherish the memories of projects with her which always included lunch and laughter! I am blessed to have crossed paths with such a loving and caring friend. I will miss my dear friend.



Dinah Harrison Watson - May 25, 2017 at 11:28 PM

VS

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Virginia Smith - May 25, 2017 at 09:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Smith.



May 25, 2017 at 09:39 PM

MC

“ *Prayers and Love to You All  
Mary Helen we will miss you and our Colonnade lunches.  
Marge and Anne*

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**Margaret Ciucevich** - May 25, 2017 at 09:38 PM




“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family  
of Mary Helen Smith.*



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May 25, 2017 at 08:02 PM

 Lori  
Bennett

“ *We are very sad to hear of Mary's passing. We were so looking  
forward to "doing DAR" with her as a member of our chapter. She  
had attended our chapter meetings every month since our first  
contact with her and she was already generous in supporting our  
projects. She was only just beginning to shine her light on our  
membership and she will be missed.*

*Lori Bennett  
Registrar  
Patriots of Liberty Chapter, NSDAR*

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**Lori Bennett** - May 25, 2017 at 04:03 PM

JO

“ *Jim Hailey, Lewis Brisbois New Orleans purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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**Jim Hailey, Lewis Brisbois New Orleans** - May 25, 2017 at 02:18 PM

Rose Glover

“ *So very saddened to hear of Mary Helen's untimely death. I knew her much too briefly through UDC, and she was so kind and gentle a person. We will be among many who will miss her sweet, caring personality. God bless and comfort her family and all who knew her. God rest, Mary Helen.*  
*--Rose Ellen Glover*

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**Rose Glover** - May 25, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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May 25, 2017 at 10:31 AM

MF

“ *Mary's NBIS Claims family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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**Mary's NBIS Claims family** - May 25, 2017 at 10:29 AM

QF

“ *Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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**Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer Family** - May 25, 2017 at 09:11 AM

MG

“ *I am deeply saddened and shocked upon hearing of the death of Mary Helen. She is one of the sweetest, nicest, kindest, devoted and hard-working Southern Lady in our UDC Chapter in Atlanta. She is truly a dear friend and we the members had grown to love her deeply as a member for only a few years. We looked forward to seeing her at the top as an officer. What a great friend we will truly and sincerely miss. My deepest sympathy to the family. May God Bless you now and in the days ahead as you grieve her loss.*



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**Mary Coleen Crawford, Decatur, Ga.** - May 24, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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May 24, 2017 at 10:42 PM

BD

“*Mary was dear to my heart. She was such a giving soul. Mary was a previous school teacher and very intelligent. She would assist me at work with the more difficult coverage letters etc. When my partner lost his mom this last year she was with us the whole time. Prior to her mom passing we would give support to each other regarding our moms. I was so blessed to have her for a friend. We will miss you Mary! Our condolences go out to her sisters. Brian*

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**Brian W Dotson** - May 24, 2017 at 07:17 PM

LT

“*Luke and Shannon Radney, Dallas, Texas purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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**Luke and Shannon Radney, Dallas, Texas** - May 24, 2017 at 03:37 PM

FB

“*I called Mary my “elder” since she was born just 1 week before me. She is the sweetest person I ever had a chance to know and work with. She has a heart of pure gold, always giving at the same time with a great sense of humor. May you rest in peace my sweet lady. I will always treasure you in my heart.*

*Fe Bhamla*

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**Fe Bhamla** - May 24, 2017 at 03:14 PM

ES

“ I did not know Mary on a personal basis. I knew her on a professional one. She was one of the nicest, professional, polite and caring individuals I have had a pleasure to work with in my 30 year career in claims. She took great pride in her job and it was evident in the many emails and phone calls we have shared over the last few years. She was always so sweet and easy to deal with. I will miss working with her very much. My condolences go out to her family and friends.

*Eric W. Sandoe*

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**Eric W. Sandoe** - May 24, 2017 at 01:35 PM

CM

“ Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because for those who love with heart and soul there is no such thing as separation.

~ Rumi

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**cheryl Manley** - May 24, 2017 at 01:29 PM

JT

“ I posted this on Facebook but wanted to share with friends and family that I may not know. Mary Sue was a light in my life.

Monday afternoon, I lost one of the greatest friends I ever had. Mary Helen Smith, who we called Mary "Sue" was the sweetest lady you'd ever meet. She was my lunch partner every day for 3 years at my last job and someone that made me feel like I had everything in the world going for me. Mary wasn't married and didn't have children but she had more "family" than most. Mary had a heart of gold. I remember riding with her to Atlanta Mission during lunch to unload her car full of items that she had purchased to donate. She always had a stack of cards a foot tall on her desk just to be sure she had one when the moment came that someone needed encouragement. She had a cat named Mexico that somehow donated (along with her) to any endeavor I participated in. Mary Sue always made sure I had a care package to send me off to whatever it was I was doing. On my one year anniversary in April, I received a monogrammed hat with the time and date of my first marathon in Big Sur with a note that said, "you may not think its a big deal, but I sure do and I want you to remember it forever!". Mary took all her PTO at work to drive down to take care of her Mom with dementia in Florida. Her Mom may not have remembered she was there, but Mary Sue made sure she came through for her every time. She went to Bible study on Monday nights and the shooting range with her pistol on the weekends. She loved watching Murder She Wrote more than any sports game and loved listening to Sister Mary Ross gospel and PitBull. (Yes, sweet and fierce just like her.) She laughed hard and loved harder. She took care of every one but herself. Mary carried her family and friend's burdens on her own shoulders. Mark 9:35 says, "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, Anyone who wants to be first must be very last, and the servant of all." Mary was always last and now she is first in Heaven. Mary had been in the hospital for a few days because of complications from cancer she just found out about a month ago. We were texting Sunday and she was so glad she was getting to go home. The last thing I texted her was "Praise God that you get to go

*home." I got to the hospital as fast as I could but Monday afternoon, Mary Sue did get to go Home to be with her Heavenly Father, her Mother and Mexico. I know that she is in the best place she could ever be and in the arms of Jesus. I know there are no more tears and her heart is overflowing with joy. I also know that this world will never be the same without her sweet spirit. Mary Sue, may you Rest In Peace and finally be taken care of.*

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**Jennifer Tucker** - May 24, 2017 at 12:51 PM

DD

“ *Mary IS a beautiful Soul and I say IS because she still IS!. Working with Mary was so special, not just because she was intelligent, kind, generous, compassionate, but because one recognized that the traits were not a performance... they were her sharing herself... they were real. I miss her and will miss her, but that is somewhat selfish as to what I will miss, as I know she is in a better place now, experiencing the love, peace and joy she richly deserves!!!*

*Thoughts and prayers for Mary and her family.*

*David Diedrich*

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**David Diedrich** - May 24, 2017 at 12:50 PM

SH

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**Shnetha** - May 24, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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Shnetha - May 24, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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Shnetha - May 24, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Smith.



May 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

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Team Mary - May 24, 2017 at 10:01 AM

TM

*WE WERE ALL BEHIND YOU AND YOUR JOURNEY..UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...*

*LOVE,  
TEAM MARY*

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**Team Mary** - May 24, 2017 at 10:03 AM

CD

“ *A beautiful light has been extinguished here on earth and has been replaced with a bright star shining down from the heavens. I am blessed to have experienced Mary's abundant kindness and loving heart. Godspeed my friend.*

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**Cathy Dempsey** - May 23, 2017 at 10:52 PM

TC

“ *Timothy Conlon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Helen Smith.*



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**Timothy Conlon** - May 23, 2017 at 10:26 PM

TC

“ My deepest condolences to all family and friends and fellow NBIS family. Mary was the best person to work with! She was the most thoughtful and caring person a co-worker could be. I was truly blessed to have worked with her so many years. Her capacity for kindness toward others was unmatched and she taught kindness by her life's example. Mary's humor and wit were a constant delight! She will be greatly missed by all who knew her! I cannot begin to count all the kind and thoughtful things Mary did for those around her!



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**Tim Conlon** - May 23, 2017 at 09:47 PM

MC

“ Still Shocked and saddened at the passing of a dear friend. Thanks so much Mary for all the fun memories and moments and for being a great friend. You will be truly missed but never forgotten.

*Mike and Wilma C*



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**Mike C** - May 23, 2017 at 09:20 PM

GL

“ Gallo Vitucci Klar LLP purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Helen Smith.



Gallo Vitucci Klar LLP - May 23, 2017 at 05:34 PM

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Claims Team - May 23, 2017 at 04:24 PM

CT

Art, Gail, Tasha, Arnice, Shnetha, Billy, Mary, Mekonnen, Cindy and JuWon - Claims Team, Nov. 2016

Mary, you will ALWAYS be in our hearts!!

Claims Team - May 23, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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Gail, Shnetha and Tasha - May 23, 2017 at 04:19 PM

GT

*Fun times were always on the menu with you Mary! We all love you and will miss you greatly!*

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**Gail, Shnetha and Tasha** - May 23, 2017 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ *I will always remember how Mary embraced life even in uncomfortable situations, lived with grace and spoke with love. She leaves behind such fond memories of sharing humorous stories. I will cherish her memory always.*

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**Lisa McAbee** - May 23, 2017 at 04:05 PM

LM

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**Lisa McAbee** - May 23, 2017 at 04:03 PM

KR

“ *Mary was a kind, gentle, spirit that I am happy to have known. I will keep her family and friends in my prayers. Krista*

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**Krista** - May 23, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *Mary was such a sweet loving person. She was a women of God and it showed in all her actions. I so enjoyed attending church with her when I would visit Atlanta on business. May she be in peace with her Momma and her Lord.*

*Julie*

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**Julie Madril** - May 23, 2017 at 03:54 PM



CP

“ *Mary's family: Mary was one of the best people that a person could call a co worker and more importantly a friend. She was so giving and thoughtful and her legacy of giving back without expectation will be forever remembered. She was a bright light on a dark day, a glimmer of hope, when you had none and burst of laughter at just the right moment. She will always have a special place in my memory and my heart. Thinking of you in this time of loss and praying your memories of her will guide you through this difficult time.*

*-Cindy Poortinga*

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**Cindy Poortinga** - May 23, 2017 at 03:53 PM

TB

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**Tisha Berryman** - May 23, 2017 at 03:47 PM

NB

*Mary's co-workers at NBIS loved her and she will be greatly missed by us.*

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**NBIS** - May 23, 2017 at 04:52 PM

MM

*Mary was one of the sweetest, funniest and nicest people I have ever encountered. The fact that she was highly competent and great at her job made her all the more impressive. She will be missed by many. I extend my deepest condolences to her family and close friends. -- Michael Manarel*

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**Michael Manarel** - May 24, 2017 at 12:16 PM

GW

*I just learned of Mary's passing and wanted to express my sincere condolences to her family. Although I never had the opportunity to meet Mary in person, I have worked with her for many years. She was a genuinely good person and by far one of the nicest people I've ever had the pleasure of working with. She will be missed by all who knew her. God bless Mary and her family.*

*Gary F. Wright*

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**Gary F. Wright** - May 24, 2017 at 12:49 PM