



Patricia Collins Smith

June 8, 1928 - December 26, 2021

Patricia Collins Smith, 93, passed peacefully in her sleep on December 26, 2021.

Pat was born on June 8, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the oldest child of Isaac Clinton Collins III and Sarah Amy Meakin Collins. She graduated from Duke University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and she remained an avid Duke fan for the rest of her life.

Patricia married her college sweetheart, Sherwood Smith, on January 27, 1952. The Smith family moved to Lakeland, Florida, in 1956. Patricia's career was raising her five children. She loved reading, often to distraction. She enjoyed traveling the world and had toured six continents. She devotedly pursued family history research. She found joy and peace in music and loved nothing so much as to play board games and card games with her family. Patricia joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1950 and remained a faithful, dedicated member for the rest of her life. She enjoyed serving in the church in numerous capacities, including Relief Society President, Sunday School Teacher, and a Music Chorister. She spent the last 25 years serving as a worker in the sealing office of the Orlando Temple. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, of 65 Years, Sherwood D. Smith.

She is survived by her two brothers, Isaac Clinton Collins IV and Allan M. Collins, and by her five children—David (Irene, deceased) of Lakeland, FL; Kenneth (Ludona) of Port Charlotte, FL; Sherwood Allan (Patricia) of San

Antonio, TX; Steven (Peggy) of Lake Wales, FL; and Sarah, of Orlando, FL; as well as sixteen grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Her constant presence in the home was a comfort and strength to her children. Patricia was a great role model, and her whole family will miss her intelligence, wit, and example.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
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Funeral Service

JAN **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Collins Smith



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - January 14, 2022 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Despite our age difference, I consider Pat one of my dearest friends. From the time we moved to Lakeland, over 20 years ago, she and Sherwood made us feel like we were family, and right at home in their favorite living room. I treasure my memories, and will miss Pat so much! I wish I were well enough to attend her services, but I send our deepest love to all of the Smith family, and pray for your comfort in this great loss. What a marvelous thing it is to know that Pat's absence is merely temporary, and although we can no longer see her among us, we can feel her, for she lives on, and no doubt will continue her work on the other side of helping to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. God speed, my friend, until we meet again. <3*

Robin Pa'u Leota - January 16, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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She was my great grandmother my name is Lincoln Sherwood smith names after my great grandfather they were both great people and we will forever miss them and cherish every moment we had with them

Lincoln - October 18, 2023 at 07:19 PM

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“ Judy Robinson (mom) and I so wanted to attend the funeral for Pat, but alas, Sandra (Sandy) got covid! We send our love to a family that has been such a staple in our lives, even mine at a younger age! The last memory I have of Pat was serving in the Orlando temple as I was a patron. She always had so much character and spunk. I know she has been welcomed with open arms by her husband and she will be busy about her work. A beautiful daughter of God!

Sandra Harmon - January 14, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ When I was a teenager, there was no better place to be than the Smith home. Sherwood and Pat were both great examples to me. They treated me as one of their own, and I will never forget the Sunday School lessons, the family home evenings, the interview I did with her, washing her car, and the pizza that was always in her freezer and available to whomever wanted it. I read books from her bookcases when I went to the Smith home for parties. (Crazy, I know!) She was the best Jeopardy player I ever knew! She knew EVERYTHING. She created a place that everyone wanted to be, and it made my teenage years happier. It was an honor to know her. It is an honor to know her children because of her.

Debby Elliott - January 13, 2022 at 10:51 PM

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“ Tom Cowan and Team at Morgan Stanley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patricia Collins Smith.



Tom Cowan and Team at Morgan Stanley - January 13, 2022 at 04:25 PM