



Ursula Vowe Smith

April 14, 1937 - December 1, 2015

Ursula Vowe Smith, age 78, of Guntersville, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at her residence.

Ursula was born April, 14, 1937, in Detmold, Germany, to Theodor and Martha Holzhausen Vowe. Ursula, her twin sister, and her mother arrived in the United States on her 10th birthday. They were reunited with their husband and father at Fort Bliss, Texas, who was an original von Braun Rocket Team Scientist. Three years later, the whole family moved to Huntsville and made it their permanent home. Upon graduating from Butler High School, she attended nursing school at the University of Alabama. While at Alabama, she met her beloved husband of 56 years, Dr. Braxton Smith, MD, who was a long time physician in Arab.

Ursula's first love was her family. Ursula was very active in her community. She was a charter member of Arab Mothers Club. She loved her church family and was very active in United Methodist Church Women's Circle #3. She loved to garden, cook, travel, and go to anything her grandchildren were involved in. She loved to laugh and to make others laugh. Her best memories were just being home at the lake with family.

Survivors are her husband of 56 years: Dr. Braxton F. Smith, MD, sons and daughters-in-law: Steve and Yon Smith, Ty and Jill Smith, daughter: Melita

Elizabeth Smith; her twin sister: Gisela Galzerano, and Ursula's grandchildren: Hannah Smith, Alice Smith, Alex Tankersley, Evan Tankersley, Sammy Tankersley, and a host of nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

A Celebration of her Life will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at the Arab First United Methodist Church at 12 noon, with visitation from 11 a.m. until service time. Rev. Steve West, Rev. Roy Bryant, and Rev. Mike Shirley will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arab First United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Arab First United Methodist Church
1058 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Memorial Service

DEC 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ursula Vowe Smith.*



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“ *As a friend and co-worker of her son Steve Smith I have met Ursula on a number of occassions. She has always shown herself to be a most kind, hospitable and warm person. I am grateful to have met her and to be a friend to her family. I know she will be deeply missed by those closest to her. May God bless and comfort you in this difficult time.*
Brian Gothard

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“ *Ursula was a classmate at Butler. I remember her as a sweet and beautiful girl. I know she will be missed by her friends and family. Much love and sympathy to the entire family at this sad time. Phyllis (Todd) Hawley*

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