



Mrs. Edythe Lumsden Smith

July 14, 1926 - March 10, 2017

Edythe Lumsden Smith, or Medie, as she was known to family and friends, passed away on March 10, 2017, in Fayetteville, AR. Edythe was 90 years old.

At age 19, Medie boarded a train to California to marry her hometown beau, Francis William Smith, who was stationed there in the Army after his service in World War II. It was while living there that she learned to cook enchiladas and tacos, which were often requested by friends and family. Medie was such an outstanding cook that her children's friends still fondly remember her yeast rolls and fried pies from their days growing up in Arkadelphia, AR.

Medie was born on July 14, 1926 in Bayou Meto, AR and was a proud Arkansan and descendent of Revolutionary War patriots. Her parents, Louella Webb Lumsden and James Walter Lumsden, were rice farmers.

A beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Medie had a quick wit and wry sense of humor which she kept until the end of her days.

Medie loved animal print on any surface and could create or alter most anything on her sewing machine. She had a green thumb, once rooting a gardenia in a paper cup, which has now grown to over 7 feet.

Of all the things Medie loved, her greatest joy was Razorback Baseball whether viewed on her television, listened to on the radio or best of all, at games at Baum Stadium.

Medie is survived by her children Gayle Porto, Marc Smith, Lydia (David) Parker, Nolen (Michelle) Smith and Neal (Terri) Smith. She is also survived by grandchildren Karen (Dave) Van Horn, Keith Lee, Marcus Smith, Nickie (Rob) Galloway, McKenzie (Mahlie Peregoy) Smith, Chris (Athena) Parker, Lee Parker, Evan (Nelly) Smith, Mathew (Cassandra) Smith, Allie Smith, Hannah Smith, Cassidy Smith and Johnna Smith; great-grandchildren, and one brother, Robert Lumsden of Columbus, Ms.

She was preceded in death by husband Francis William Smith, brothers Avery, Oliver and John Lumsden, sister Alice Lumsden Brown and son-in law Jim Porto.

Graveside services were March 13 at Lone Tree Cemetery by Essex Funeral Home. www.essexfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ All I can say is I bet her angel wings have a little bit of cheetah print on them somewhere. She was one of a kind " our Medie" she brought so much joy and smiles to our lives, She could out dress us all that is for sure. I love her dearly and will cherish the memories that all of us had thru out the years growing up. You know you are all in are prayers and thoughts right now, all our love, Kim, Madison, Logan and McKenzie

Kim Kauffman Crosby - April 27, 2018 at 12:54 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy.

Dorothy Worrell - April 27, 2018 at 12:54 PM

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“ She was a wonderful Mother and a fine friend. She is greatly missed.

David Parker - April 27, 2018 at 12:54 PM

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“ She was a fantastic Mother and a fabulous friend. She is severely missed.

David Parker - April 27, 2018 at 12:54 PM