



Martha Ann Slade Smith

March 9, 1939 - May 22, 2020

SMITH, Martha Ann Slade, age 81, died peacefully at home on Wednesday afternoon, May 22, 2020 in Prattville, AL after battling Semantic Dementia for six years.

Martha is survived by her husband, Captain Marvin “Jack” Smith, Jr., (Ret) USN; son, Kevin G. Smith and grandson, Gaines of Memphis, TN; daughter, Karen A. Smith Garcia (Gil) and grandchildren, Dylan and Anna of Vilanova, Spain; two brothers, Gaines Slade (Ina) of Pintlala, AL and Winifred Salde of Magnolia, AL; two sisters, Onie Slade Nelson of Auburn, AL and Judy Slade Walters (Marcus) of Nanafalia, AL; extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Bly Slade of Magnolia, AL. Martha was born on March 9, 1939 in Magnolia, AL. She graduated from Thomaston High School in 1957 with honors and attended Livingston College in western Alabama. As the oldest child, Martha became a surrogate Mom while her parents both worked away from home. She discontinued her education and chose to work to help her family. While employed in Montgomery, AL she met and married naval officer LCDR Smith (fresh out of the war in Vietnam) in 1967 while he attended Air Command and Staff College. After twelve years of marriage to Jack and his six different assignments/locations, she was a busy homemaker with two young children and enjoyed the role of “stay at home Mom”. At that point Martha and Jack retired from the Navy and chose Prattville as their retirement location where they raised their children, always encouraging them to succeed in school and to pursue their goals. Martha loved people and was a warm and generous person. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, the Ladies Service league, the Sosia Women’s Club and The Red Hatters. The family would like to thank the caregivers, the Baptist Hospice team and all our wonderful church families and neighbors who provided so much delicious food.

Due to the corona virus panademic, a normal funeral will not be held. A celebration of Martha’s life at First United Methodist Church will be scheduled in the future. Martha will be laid to rest at Prattville Memory Gardens on Thursday, May 29, 2020 with Rev. Tony McCullough officiating with family members only attending.

Comments



“ I met Martha before she and Jack were married so we go way back. She was a gracious lady and we know how much you will miss her Jack.

Earnie Edwards - May 29, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Martha was such a beautiful Southern Lady. She will ne missed by many. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.



Barbara Hammett - May 27, 2020 at 09:26 AM