



Phyllias Ann Smith

September 22, 1936 - April 17, 2024

Phyllias P. Smith, age 87, passed from this world at her daughter's home in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 17, 2024.

She was born on September 22, 1936, in Bluefield, West Virginia, the daughter of Andrew L. Peery and Anna Peery.

Phyllias is survived by her husband of 66 years, Henry D. Smith, her daughter Andrea Baker and Andrea's husband Kevin Baker, her son David Smith and his wife Susan Smith. She leaves behind three grandchildren Samuel Baker, Anaia Baker, and David E. Smith.

She is also survived by her brothers Edward Peery and Andrew M. Peery, and her sisters Criss Tenna Peery, and Patricia Gregory.

Phyllias was a member of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. She was also a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution where she served as the regent for the John Chapman chapter.

She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Bland Street United Methodist Church for many years.

Phyllias held a bachelor's degree from Marshall University and a master's degree from Virginia Tech. She taught school for 35 years before her retirement, with most of this time teaching math at Bluefield High School. The many students she taught serve in wide endeavors across this nation. She will be remembered.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Monday, April 22, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Bland Street United Methodist Church with Rev. Brent Brown officiating.

Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, West Virginia where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Bland Street United Methodist Church, 2620 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701 or a charity of choice.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Phyllias Ann Smith.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

450 Courthouse Rd
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
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Funeral Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bland Street United Methodist Church
Bland Road
Bluefield, WV

Tribute Wall

KM

“ My husband Eric (1980) and I (1989) both had her as a math teacher while in High School at BHS. She was an amazing math teacher and person. It was such a honor to have her as my (second) Geometry teacher. She was my favorite math teacher I ever had in school and college. I will always remember us seeing her in Bluefield after we were married and her commenting on how we were both “great mathematicians”, and she was she said how excited she was to see in the local paper that we had married. Heaven has gained another Angel. 🕊️

Kimberly M. - July 11, 2024 at 09:13 PM

FG

“ Condolences from our family to Phyllias’s family. What a great mother, wife, parent and grandparent she was and what a strong figure in mathematics education, a role model for women entering the field. She helped inspire our son to enter a Mathematics PhD program which he will complete shortly. I’ll never forget her busts of famous mathematicians and her instructing us on calculus using the tortoise and hare analogy. She was also a thoughtful friend who kept up with our family over the years after first meeting her. In Shanghai and traveling to Hangzhou and Suzhou, then later in Washington and Bluefield where she graciously entertained our whole family. She was also a staunch supporter of Henry D. Smith (her husband’s) engineering and literary career for which we are all grateful. My son and daughter, wife and I will always remember Phyllias fondly. -- Fritz Galt and family

Fritz Galt - April 24, 2024 at 05:39 PM

SM

“ Mrs. Smith was a wonderful teacher...always knowledgeable and kind. She taught 2 of my math classes. I send my deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Sarah Hostetter Munson - April 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BH

“ Mrs. Smith was one of the most memorable and effective teachers I ever had. She taught me Geometry many years ago at BHS, and I enjoyed learning it from her. My condolences.

Beth Caldwell Hash - April 21, 2024 at 06:01 PM

JL

“ My condolences to the Smith Family especially to those who I had the pleasure of meeting thru the years, Criss Teena -who was my Math teacher at BHS and David-who was my attorney thru the past years. I had a chance to talk to Mrs. Smith while at BHS as wll. Again, my condolences.



John O. Lowe - April 21, 2024 at 03:43 PM

YH

“ Your Loving Husband purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Phyllias Ann Smith.



Your Loving Husband - April 21, 2024 at 01:51 PM

AA

“ *Andrea, Kevin, Sam & Anaia purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Phyllias Ann Smith.*



Andrea, Kevin, Sam & Anaia - April 21, 2024 at 01:51 PM

CC

“ *I first met Phyllias while she was visiting her son. I didn't realize until a few days later that she and her husband had moved into a house near me and that my husband had already become friends with them. She was a wonderful person that loved her family dearly. Prayers of comfort for each of them.*

Carol Collins - April 19, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AA

“ *Mrs Smith was my Algebra teacher at BHS. One of my favorites-she made learning so easy. Prayers for the family*

Anna Mariotti Allen

Anna Mariotti Allen - April 19, 2024 at 05:33 PM