



Mrs. Mary MacIntyre Smith

July 11, 1940 - November 2, 2022

Mary MacIntyre Smith, 82, of Salem, passed away on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at her residence.

Mary was born in Burlington, Vermont to Norman and Viola MacIntyre and raised in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. She graduated from Northbridge High School and then attended Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered nurse. During this time, Mary met the love of her life, Charles D. Smith, whom she married and shortly thereafter relocated to South Carolina. She was a resident of Keowee Key for the last twelve years after living in Georgia since 1983 and previously in South Carolina since 1961.

Mary was married to her beloved husband, Charles, for thirty-six years until his sudden death in 1998. She leaves behind three children, her daughter: Robin Pahr (Patrick); her sons: Dan Smith and Craig Smith (Lisa); and four grandchildren: Austin Pahr, Christopher Pahr, Charlie Marie Smith, and Duncan Smith. She also leaves behind a special person, Marian Buma of Whitinsville, MA, who remained her best friend since early childhood.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was preceded in death by her sister: Marilyn Cram; and brothers: Norman and Richard MacIntyre.

Mary enjoyed cooking, crafts, sewing, and loved traveling with her family. She was a happy person, loved life, and made an impact on all the people around her.

Mary was of the Christian faith. A celebration of life for Mary will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate friends and family share a memory of Mary at www.davenportfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary MacIntyre Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *A slideshow to honor the memory of our Mother/Grandmother, Mary MacIntyre Smith. Just a glimpse of her early years and great memories with our immediate family. She had a strong personality which will be missed but her stories will carry on.*

Added to the end of the original video is the Celebration of Life ceremony which took place on 11/12/22. We invited family and friends to our house. Enjoyed good food, stories, the slideshow and ended with a sparkler ceremony around the fire pit. It was perfect.

She will be missed by so many.

A big thank you to all of our family and friends for your support.

*Love,
Craig, Lisa, Charlie and Duncan*

<https://youtu.be/FfpAtI5CNto>

Lisa - November 17, 2022 at 02:22 PM

“ I cannot express enough how sorry we, the entire Buma family are, of Mary’s passing. We are in disbelief and will always remember her. She gave us so many happy, fun memories. Mary broke the mold.

I would laugh and say to her, “it’s tough to have two moms” as she was always there for me with encouragement, advice and wisdom as only she could deliver.

When she’d call on the phone she’d say with her slight Southern accent, “hey, watcha doin?” I will miss that and I will miss her being ever-present in our lives with a supportive word and uplifting spirit. What’s a morning without getting an email from Mary?!

She was always happy, eased our mood, and brought laughter to our world. She could be counted on for old fashioned remedies (nursing according to Nurse Mary) and for simplifying what seemed complex with a simple phrase. She made the best of whatever came her way. She took the time to connect with people and was more than happy to start a conversation with a stranger with, “where ya from?”

I knew her to embrace life and not complain about her circumstances. She’d say, “I’m fine” and “that’s life.” When someone passed away she’d say to me, “it was her time.” Indeed, this was Mary’s time but it is difficult for those left behind. We have not known life without her.

I pray you take comfort in knowing she died the way she wanted to - without suffering. Because of her Christian commitment she now says, “I’m fine” in heaven with Charlie and Jesus. We will see her again.

With deepest sympathy and love,

*Shelley Buma
Whitinsville, MA*



Shelley Buma - November 13, 2022 at 08:46 PM

“ Dear Mary,

I often wonder how my life would have ended up if we weren't friends. I can still see you swinging on the Granite St. pole while I was across the street going to the Store with my mother. You called out, "Little girl, little girl, can you play with me?" My mother said, "Sure" and brought me across the street. She asked where you lived etc. and that began a friendship that never ended. I was 3 years old and you were 4. Most people in life don't have that; we have truly been blessed. Through good times, though sad times, we could always count on each other. You will always be my dearest best friend. God knew I needed you, and He knew you needed me.

As kids we were inseparable - where one was, the other was. We had the best childhood together, pushing doll carriages, selling our homemade pot holders, ice skating, and playing all sorts of games in the neighborhood. We had to do things the same, even getting married about the same time and each having 1 girl and 2 boys. After you moved from Mass. to SC with the love of your life, Charlie, we kept in touch all the time, by phone, letter, cards, vacationing together, and later also by email. You were so special to my children, encouraging them along the way. We never missed a year of being together. Your "don't worry, it's in God's hands" daily positive approach meant so much to me over the years. You lived life. I can hear and see your laugh accompanied by a big smile and jovial head bob. You were always so much fun and willing to do things and anxious to meet new people. There was nothing pretentious about you. What you saw is what you got. You loved your Savior, your family, your friends, and your country. You were truly one of a kind, never to be replicated. You had a happy nature and were generous with your time and with your heart. A rare gem. You filled my life with so many laughs, your humorous self, and countless memories over the decades.

As life started to slow down for you, you still embraced it and took two trips to visit me this year, one in March and one just six weeks ago. I am so grateful for that. Both times you said, "We don't say goodbye. We say until we meet again in this life or in heaven." I am in shock that you are no longer here. I miss your morning group emails and the personal ones. I deeply miss your phone calls. You called so often and that is what I needed. Connecting with you made the day all the better.

When we spoke two days before your heaven-going, I shared this with you, "This world is not my home; I'm just a passing through; my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue; the angels beckon me from heavens open door, and I won't feel at home in this world anymore." You said you really loved that and I am comforted in knowing you are in heaven now, safe in the arms of Jesus. I can hear your voice telling me not to worry, to love those around us, and to keep moving on, just as you did.

I am so thankful for every minute we spent together and especially the last time

we saw each other and the last phone call when we shared "I love you(s)" as we often did.

Thanking God for you until we meet again in Heaven so fair.

My love forever.

Boots

(Marian "Boots" Buma, Whitinsville, MA)



Marian "Boots" Buma - November 11, 2022 at 03:02 PM

BC

“ *We will miss Mary ever so much...especially the dining out dinners we regularly shared. Mary wasn't afraid to LIVE or DIE.. very admirable and rare traits. Mary is "home" now...*

Barbara & Doug Click - November 10, 2022 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ *Always full of life! Our love and prayers for the family!*

Terry & Camilla Moore

Camilla Moore - November 09, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SB

“ To the family of Mary Smith.

May I offer my sympathy and condolences on the passing of Mary Smith on Nov. 2.

Mary was always a fun person to be around and I enjoyed her many email transmittals of not only "funnies" but matters of serious concern which she shared with her email buddies.

Mary always had a smile on her face and her sense of humor and warmth and kind nature will be missed.

May she rest in peace.

Sharon Brosnan

6 Midships Ln.

Salem, SC

Sharon Brosnan - November 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM

JA

Dear Smith Family,

We are so very saddened to hear of Mary's passing.

Mary always had a smile on her face, and was so full of life. Whenever she'd see us as she was driving by she'd stop to chat. She was a sweet and caring woman who will be sadly missed.

*With Our Deepest Sympathy, Joe & Jo Ann Mozelewski
Neighbors in KK*

Jo Ann - November 29, 2022 at 04:57 PM