



Ruth Butts Smith

May 9, 2010

Walhalla, SC—Ruth Butts Tomlin Phillips Smith, 89, wife of Marshall T. Smith, of 1446 Pickens Highway, Walhalla, SC, died Sunday, May 9, 2010 at Cottingham Hospice House in Seneca.

Born in Central, SC, Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Simon Paul and Lillie Dean Sheriff Butts Green. She was a graduate of Central Wesleyan College, Piedmont College, Clemson University Masters program and University of Georgia Post Graduate program. Mrs. Smith was a retired educator having taught in the Corinth, Flat Shoals, Salem, and Walhalla, SC, and Toccoa, GA areas. She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by daughters, Paula Ridley and husband John of Mountain Rest and Barbara Rogers and husband John of San Antonio, TX; sister, Vera Keffer of Walhalla; brother, Willis Butts and wife Evelyn of Spring Hill, FL; stepdaughter, Nancy Watson and husband Bill of Walhalla; stepsons, Phil Phillips and wife Phyllis of West Union; Mike Phillips and wife Cynthia of Ladson, Thomas Smith and wife Ann of York, PA, Rodney Smith and wife Mary of Blacksburg, VA; five grandchildren, thirteen step grandchildren, and twenty four great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Hawthorne Tomlin; her second husband, Roy Whitmire Phillips and

sister, Una Butts Garrison.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from the Chapel of Davenport Funeral Home with burial to follow in Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 and 1:00-2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Oconee Hospice of the Foothills, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family wishes to give thanks to her recent caregivers at Oconee Medical Center, and the staff and caregivers at Cottingham Hospice House.

The family is at the residence.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Butts Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Mrs. Smith was a wonderful person. I was one of her students at T-S High and a finer woman could not be found. She invited her students to her home and made them fill like they were part of her family. I know that you will miss her dearly but know that one day you will get to be with her again in her heavenly home. Dear family you have my heartfelt sympathy at this time.##imported-begin##Amanda Kay Murphree Evett##imported-end##*

May 13, 2010 at 08:27 PM



“ *How precious and helpful Was Ruth as one of my first Teachers at Flat Shoals . We miss her. Our prayers are for her extended family in their grief.##imported-begin##Elvus and Dorothy Barrett##imported-end##*

May 12, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ *Paula & Family, please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of your precious mother. Her amazing accomplishments in the field of education certainly reflect a life of dedication & hard work. Our world was a better place because of your mother's committment not only to her career, but also to her family.##imported-begin##Mart ha Butts Hawkins##imported-end##*

May 11, 2010 at 12:11 AM



“ *Paula and Marshall I am so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. She was a friend to all who knew her. Your loss is Heaven's gain. It is very comforting to know that she is no longer in pain. I will be praying that God will comfort you in your time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Barbara Burrell##imported-end##*

May 10, 2010 at 09:52 PM