



## Mary Louise Smouse

July 28, 1921 - August 1, 2016

Mary Louise Smouse, 95, of Fairmont, passed from the arms of her family into the arms of her Savior on Monday, August 1, 2016, at St. Barbara's Memorial Nursing Home in Monongah.

Mary, a breast cancer survivor of over 60 years, was born in Sutton, West Virginia, on July 28, 1921, a daughter of the late Russell and Maggie (Greathouse) Skidmore. She became the bride of the late W. Millard Smouse on November 22, 1944. They celebrated nearly 65 years of married bliss. Mary will be remembered by her family and friends as an excellent cook and homemaker. She was a professional seamstress as well and her handiwork can be seen in the homes of those she loved. At the age of 90, she dressed 25 toy bears to be given to disadvantaged children at Christmas. This is just one of the many projects of which she was so very proud.

In her early years, Mary was employed by Westinghouse. After she wed Millard, they together established Smouse Floor and Wall Covering in Fairmont and ran the business successfully for over 30 years. She was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church until it's closing and then became a member of the Baptist Temple.

Mary is survived by her son, Wallace Millard Smouse, Jr. and wife Reta, of Fairmont; daughter, Brenda Louise Pritz and husband Michael, of Fairmont; grandchildren, Elizabeth Smouse of Jane Lew, Jennifer Paugh and husband John, also of Jane Lew, Redonna Bilbo and husband David, of Acworth, Georgia, Mark Rudy and wife Kayla, of Sturgis, Michigan; great grandchildren, Maggie Paugh, Truman Paugh, Grace Bilbo, Timothy Bilbo, Norman Rudy and Arthur Rudy.

Also surviving is her sister, Ann Clayton and husband Russell, of Reisterstown, Maryland; sisters-in-law, Leo Skidmore of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Doris Steele and husband John, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Martha Cutone, also of Pittsburgh, Alice Lewis, of Baden, Pennsylvania; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary was also preceded in death by her husband, W. Millard Smouse; in-laws, Wallace and Dove Smouse; brother, Burl Skidmore; brothers-in-law, Lawrence Smouse, Anthony Cutone, Loren Lewis; and sister-in-law, Blanche Smouse. Friends and family may call at the Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, Tuesday from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. till 11 a.m. Wednesday. The funeral

service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Holley Faulkner officiating. Interment will follow at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens.

# Comments

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

**Vicki Nichols** - April 27, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ Redona, we are sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers during this difficult time. Aramis & Everludis Lopez, Herndon, VA.

**Everludis Lopez** - April 27, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ My family lived beside the Smouse's on Race Street. I remember playing Brenda and Wallace. You have my deepest sympathy. Velma Shaver Lee

**Velma Shavers Lee** - April 27, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Edna really wanted to come to the funeral home but it is very difficult to get her out of the house. Her breathing is labored and she really can't get out without using a wheelchair. She told me that she had been thinking about your mother and had planned to call Madalee Wilson to see if she had heard anything. Edna said that your mother was a special friend. She really enjoyed the parties that were held at Mary and Millard's house. Your mother made a doll for our daughter many many years ago. We still have it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

**Jim, Sharon and Edna Fleming** - April 27, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ The few times I met your lovely mom she was gracious. I am sure You and my niece and nephew will miss her greatly

**carolyn byrne** - April 27, 2018 at 05:44 AM

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“ Mrs. Smouse's daughter Brenda used to be our babysitter many years ago. I would like to offer my condolences to Brenda and her family on the passing of her mother. May God provide strength, comfort and peace to you all during this time. Sincerely, Norine Shriver

August 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Liz I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandmother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM