



Martha Witham Smart

October 12, 1948 - February 3, 2016

Martha Witham Smart, 67, of Shapleigh, ME and Bonita Springs, FL, passed away February 3rd, 2016, at her winter home in Bonita Springs. She was born on October 12, 1948, in Skowhegan, ME, the youngest daughter of Dwight and Ada (Senior) Witham. Martha floated around the schools of Skowhegan like a social butterfly, where she used her megaphone to amplify her bubbly spirit by cheerleading for the hometown football team. She was also salutatorian of her high school graduating class of 1966. August 17, 1968, she married Nelson J. Smart, Jr., her junior high school sweetheart, best friend, and soulmate. She attended and graduated from Forsyth Dental School in Boston becoming a Dental Hygienist. She returned to her hometown to work in Dr. Gould's dental office. She later left the profession to join her husband as owners and operators of Smart's Funeral Homes in Skowhegan and Madison. A lifetime supporter of the Federate Church in Skowhegan, she took great pleasure in ringing handbells with some of her church peers (The Ding-a-Lings!). During her retirement, she enjoyed golf and spending time with her cherished friends and family. Martha deeply loved being a grandmother and took great pleasure in providing computers, cuddles, and cookies to her grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews, and granddogs at her home at Square Pond. Martha was the life of the party, lifted heavy hearts, comforted weary souls, and drove us crazy with her stubbornness, a trait inherited by her sons despite all their best efforts to the contrary. Our hearts are heavy for her absence but we are grateful for an end to her suffering.

Martha was predeceased by her husband, her parents; and by her nephew, Stephen L. Boardman. She is survived by her two sons, Aaron Smart and his wife Jill of Pembroke, NH, and Ryan Smart and his Wife LoriAnn of Lowell, MA.; one grandson, Tyler Smart, and one granddaughter, Abigail Smart, both of Pembroke, NH; her sister-in-law, Constance Annette Boardman of Saratoga Springs, NY; her sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Tom Costello of Shapleigh and Mulberry, FL; three nephews, Mark Boardman and his wife Linda, Scott Boardman, and Anthony Costello and his wife Mary Jo, one niece, Alison (Costello) Cooney and her husband Michael; several beloved grandnieces, grandnephews, and two granddogs.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Square Pond Improvement Association (SPIA), PO Box 326, Shapleigh, ME 04076 or Skowhegan Federated Church, PO BOX 504, 13 Island Ave., Skowhegan, ME 04976.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Witham Smart*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Martha was a delightful student and adult! We are so sorry for your loss. May your wonderful memories of her comfort you during this difficult time.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

June & Richard Washburn

June Washburn - February 06, 2016 at 09:51 AM



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“ My condolences to Aaron, Ryan and their families. I had the pleasure of having both Aaron and Ryan in German class at Skowhegan Area H.S., and I first met Jamie and Martha because of that. I enjoyed Jamie’s forthrightness and professionalism and Martha’s exuberance.

I always heard updates about Martha after she had moved from Skowhegan from her good friends, Sheryl and Tom Keene. I hadn’t seen Martha for a few years but saw her at a funeral service only a few months ago and had a chance to catch up. She looked wonderful and had that same enthusiasm and broad smile that I remembered. It was only a few weeks later that Sheryl Keene told me that she was ill.

As the family stated, everyone who knew her is sad about her passing but also thankful that she is no longer suffering. However, we will all remember her joy in living each day to its fullest.

“Herr” Mike Walker

Mike Walker - February 06, 2016 at 07:05 AM