



Mary Ann Pierce Whelchel Smith

September 30, 1927 - May 7, 2016

Mary Ann Pierce Smith, 88, passed peacefully in her home, surrounded by loved ones, on May 7, 2016.

For anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Mary Ann, they know that the world lost one of the sweetest souls; the woman who made everyone feel like they were her favorite person, important and unconditionally loved. Her family and many friends remember her beautiful contradicting complexities – passionate about history and tradition, but fiercely independent; gentle and kind, but strong and courageous beyond her time; the strength of her family and many friends. Mary Ann passes on her love of reading, of history, tradition, and travel, of entertaining and of a good party, but most importantly of family, friends and an infectious joy for life.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary and Hugh Whelchel; brothers, Howard Whelchel and Hugh Whelchel; husbands, John E. Pierce and Clint Smith.

Survived by children, Mary Pierce (Bruce Mitchell), John Pierce (Janis), Martin Pierce (Dawn), and Boo Hauck (Dean); Grandchildren, Catherine Lewis (Michael), Stephen Rideout (Nikki), Shanze Lee (Jenna), Kimmi Chapman (Devin), Andrew Hauck

(Kristen), Martin Pierce (Lauren), Jennifer Lail (Josh), Ian Hauck (Katie), Joanna Cook (Steven), Erich Hauck (Jennifer), Jonathan Pierce (Maggie), and Catherine Wallace (Christopher); 21 great grandchildren; Brothers, Mike Whelchel (Carol) and John Whelchel (Susan).

Mary Ann was an active member of the community throughout her life and spent her working years serving as an educator and media specialist. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, where she was baptized, married, and later served as an elder. She attended Brenau College in Gainesville, GA, FSU, and received a Master's degree from Stetson University. She was a member of Markham Woods Presbyterian Church; Delta, Delta, Delta; Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society; PEO; Junior League of Daytona Beach. She taught school in Ormond and at Lake Mary Elementary and was a Media Specialist at Lake Mary High School.

A memorial service will be held at the Markham Woods Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 11 AM.

A luncheon reception will follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Comforter, 480 West Central Parkway, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 (HopsiceoftheComforter.org) or Markham Woods Presbyterian Church, 5210 Markham Woods Rd., Lake Mary, FL 32746 (mwpcusa.org)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Markham Woods Presbyterian
5210 Markham Woods Rd
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Tribute Wall

JR

“*Mary Ann was truly a lovely southern belle who seemed never to meet a stranger. She always made anyone she met feel very special.*

Many fond memories are shared with her while working at Lake Mary High School. She was a light in the media center and all the students as well as the staff loved her.

Rest in peace, Mary Ann, in the special place God has prepared for you in heaven.

Jan Renaud

Jan Renaud - May 12, 2016 at 04:45 PM

HT

“*Especially to Boo, I remember your Mom from your days living on Crescent Ridge in your big beautiful house. Most especially at Christmas when my family would walk up the street to your house and your Mom would play the piano and we would sing and eat delicious goodies that she would serve. You and I would also play with our Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls and bake in your Easy Bake Oven. Wonderful memories of your whole family Boo. A great childhood! Our hearts go out to you, Marty, Johnny and Mary. Also, your Mom was very important in my mother's life and she loved your Mom as well. Peace to all of you. Hallie Hook Tarrant, Rick and Pat Hook. text me sometime- 386- 316-8629*

Hallie Tarrant - May 10, 2016 at 05:36 PM

SH

“ Mrs Pierce was one of the most elegant and beautiful person in the world. When you spoke with her she always made you feel important and like she couldn't wait to hear what was going on in your life. She truly was beautiful inside and out. She will be missed. Prayer are with her family, love ya guys, Susan Harrell

Susan Harrell - May 10, 2016 at 06:40 AM

DM

“ Mary Ann was such a beautiful lady. Her infectious laughter and smile touched everyone who knew her. I had the pleasure of working with her at LMHS and then taught her precious grandchildren. She was truly a southern Lady and I loved her.

Diane Mills - May 09, 2016 at 08:55 PM

DG

“ I have always admired and respected Mary Ann. I would often go to her for advice when we were teaching at Lake Mary Elementary. Heaven has gained a beautiful and classy angel.



Diane Powell Groover - May 09, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JB

“ Taught school at Lake Mary Elementary in the 70's. Mary Ann was a special lady with class and beauty, inside and out. I know she lived a great life. RIP Mary Ann.

john beasley - May 09, 2016 at 01:18 PM