



## Mary Wheeler Smith

March 25, 1914 - December 15, 2013

MARY WHEELER SMITH, daughter of the late Albert and Frances Wheeler, was born Wednesday, March 25, 1914. On Sunday, December 15, 2013, Mary was called home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mary was one of fourteen children; she was tenth from the oldest. As a youth, she attended the Saint Francis Xavier Church and school. Following grammar school, Mary attended the Franciscan Convent for four years. She continued her education studying Nursing. She received her diploma in Practical Nursing on February 28, 1949 from St. Paul Institute. After graduating, she was initially assigned to Mercy Hospital and later moved on to the Old Provident Hospital. On July 3rd, 1937 she married the Love of Her Life, Earl Alexander Smith. Together they raised one son, Cecil. Prior to Earl's homegoing on September 10, 2007, they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Earl and Mary were truly a match made in "Heaven."

Mary was a devoted catholic; she had a great love for the "Blessed Mother." She prayed the Rosary everyday. As a member of Saint Edward Roman Catholic Church for many years, her charitable spirit was reflected through her membership in the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and the Visiting The Sick. She worked diligently behind the scenes always pushing and encouraging the Deacons, especially her husband Deacon Smith.

Mary loved sewing, gardening, baking and especially sharing her wisdom. Her cold oven cake, homemade applesauce, homemade chicken noodle soup and tollhouse cookies will truly be missed!

Mary worked for several families, helping them to take care of their young children. One family in particular, The Strauss Family, remained in contact with Mary until her passing. Ruthie Strauss, who was a toddler when Mary began working for the family, is now sixty years old; she has fond memories of her "Mrs. Smith".

After the passing of her beloved husband Earl, Mary spent the last six years of her life at the Caritas House Assisted Living Apartments. There, she enjoyed playing bingo and attending mass daily. She always complimented the girls' hairdos and their jewelry. In her day... Mary was a fashionable dresser; she admired fine clothing and fine jewelry! Mary Wheeler Smith was a classy lady! Mary leaves to cherish precious memories: her son, Cecil; granddaughters, Beverly and Tiffany; grandson, Keith; great-grandson, Thomas; and great-great-grandson, Sage; sister, Helen Wheeler Vaughan; brother, Paul Wheeler; grandson-in-law, Thomas Jackson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 19. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St Edward Catholic Church  
901 Poplar Grove Street  
Balto., MD 21217

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Wheeler Smith*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Our family would like to express our condolences to your family. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

**linn & family** - December 20, 2013 at 01:24 PM



“ *Please accept my sincere heartfelt sympathy upon the passing of Aunt Mary , who was also my Godmother. Although she has entered another phase of her journey, she will always be simply " a thought away". .....Barbara*

**barbara briscoe** - December 19, 2013 at 07:58 AM

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“ In these troubled times, we all face storms. There are economic hardships depression, failing health, the loss of a loved one in death - such storms will attack each and every one of us at one time or another; we cannot avoid them. It does move us when we see persons who have previously appeared quite frail show surprising strength and endure such things. Often faith is a key (James 1:3). Another key is hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13), there is the hope of the resurrection (John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15). This knowledge gives us hope, that hope, in turn, gradually softens grief. It helps us to endure. You can find more encouraging Scriptures @[www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org). May God continue to comfort your family in this stressful time of need.

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**bdavis** - December 18, 2013 at 09:46 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 17, 2013 at 12:15 PM