



Mary Lee Smithers

October 27, 1921 - May 28, 2012

Mary Lee Smithers, 90, of Delmar, died Monday, May 28, 2012 at Salisbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on the family farm in Quantico, a daughter of the late Thomas and Marie (Layfield) Bowden.

Like many children of her generation, she left school early to help on the family farm. Once she got a little older she worked as a seamstress for the Manhattan Shirt Factory. After working at the shirt factory she worked many years as a sales clerk for Sears & Roebuck in Salisbury, a job she was very good at. Mary Lee enjoyed camping with her late husband and was a past member of the Delmarva Camping Association. Her true passion was family and she looked forward to family outings. She also loved children, animals and flowers. She always put the needs of others before hers and was always there to help those in need, especially her family, friends and charitable organizations that help veterans or the hearing impaired.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Marianna Bromley and her husband, Alvin of Snow Hill and Patricia Gail Willey and her husband, Thomas of Delmar; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Carrie Lecates of Newark, Lottie Neil of Delmar and Nettie Thomas of Delmar; and 2 brothers, Roland Bowden (Joyce) of Salisbury and Ernest Bowden (Jean) of Parsonsburg. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Thomas Smithers, who passed in 1996; a daughter, Virginia Marie

Green; 4 sisters, Mildred Lane, Anna Bratten, Virginia Byrd and June Bowden; and 2 brothers, John Bowden and Thomas Bowden.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Springhill Memory Gardens near Hebron. The Reverend Howard Travers will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803 or the Hearing Loss Foundation of America, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Springhill Memory Gardens

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Service

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lee Smithers*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *CLEM & APRIL SPARKS lit a candle in memory of Mary Lee Smithers*



CLEM & APRIL SPARKS - May 31, 2012 at 09:50 AM



Gone too soon and yet she is in peace. No more hurting and no more losing her independence. I miss you Mom and your friends do also.

Patricia Willey - April 06, 2014 at 09:16 PM



“ *She was an amazing woman and we will miss her dearly. My mother, Vita Bowden, John's wife, lost her best friend. There was never a week that passed or every couple of days when she would stop by and check on Aunt Mary Lee with her dog Skeeter. I'll never forget that sparkle in her eyes each time I went with Mom on one of her visits. She loved her visits and called Mom her angel because she took such loving care of her. Mom would take her, when she could, to her doctor appointments and the highlight of Aunt Mary Lee's day was when she would treat Mom to lunch at Friendly's. Heaven just got a little brighter with yet another addition from the Bowden Family. Rest in peace my precious Aunt. My final visits with you at Rehab were very precious to me and i'll have them in my heart forever.*

Penny Bowden Nichols - May 31, 2012 at 07:51 AM

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“ my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends,
she will truly be missed by all who knew her.

chase a. sifford
ocean city md

chase allen sifford - May 31, 2012 at 06:23 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family. My mother and father Louise
and George Morris were good friends of Mary and Smokey Joe.

Calvin S. Morris Sr.
6508 Cleveland Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21222

Calvin S. Morris Sr. - May 30, 2012 at 09:22 AM