



## Carol May Smith

April 8, 1932 - December 7, 2025

In Loving Memory of Carol May Smith. A Life of Faith, Love, and Grace.

Carol Smith passed away peacefully, December 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

With a gentle spirit and a deep devotion to those she loved, Carol built a life defined by kindness, steadiness, and quiet strength. She shared many beautiful years with her beloved husband, Richard S. Smith, with whom she created a warm and welcoming home.

Carol was raised in the Happy Valley and York neighborhoods of Bellingham. Upon graduating from Bellingham High School in 1950, Carol moved to Tacoma, soon working at McChord Air Force Base, where she affectionately met Staff Sergeant Richard S. Smith. They married each other August 2nd, 1952, and were lovingly devoted to each other over 66 years, together keeping lifelong friendships with "The McChordites", couples from their Air Force team. They nourished a caring household and shared many life journeys together.

Carol is preceded in death by husband Dick, parents James & May Clapp, and brother Ron.

She is survived by her children: Vance (Rick) Smith and wife Betsy, Kristi Ellen Smith-Baklund and Mark, James (Jim) Mitchell Smith and Chari Henton. As

well as her grandchildren: Tami Kruse and husband Dave, Jacob (Jay) Baklund and wife Kalli, Cameron Henton, Alethea Roach and Max, Danny Schmidt and Adrienne, Meredith Schmidt, her great-grandchildren: Ashley Slesk and Zach, Markus Hager, Kyrin and Maris Baklund, Aidan, Porter, Charlie, and Henry Roach, Sylvie and Sam Schmidt, and her great-great-grandchildren: Kyler and Cora Slesk. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Carolyn Clapp, and her nephews Russ and Loren.

Carol was deeply devoted to God and faithful to her beliefs. She was the sweetest, most loving person to everyone who knew her, eliciting artful wit and living a life of true selflessness. A fine homemaker and avid gardener, she enjoyed mountain hikes, beachcombing and travel. Learning sewing early on, she became an accomplished quilter, cherishing the companionship of her "Dear Hearts" quilting club. She regularly attended Bellingham Theatre Guild plays, and read voraciously, captivated by both Biblical study and books on widely varying subjects.

Carol was a courageous breast cancer survivor for over four decades. Her strength, endurance, and grace were an inspiration to all who knew her. The family extends heartfelt thanks to all who supported her, including the dedicated hospice team who cared for her throughout her journey.

A Memorial Service will be held at Immanuel Bible Church located at 2000 W. North St. in Bellingham on Saturday, January 10th at 1:00PM.

To honor Carol's life and legacy, her family requests that memorial contributions be made to:

Immanuel Bible Church or Dementia Action Collaborative or Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment Fund

Her memory will remain a blessing to all who knew her.

## Cemetery Details

### Greenacres Memorial Park

5700 Northwest Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 384-3401

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JAN 10. 1:00 PM (PT)

Immanuel Bible Church  
2000 W. North St.  
Bellingham, WA 98225

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ My memory of Grandma Carol is of the most kind & patient woman. She was soft spoken and strong all at the same time. She knew who she was in the Lord. And I appreciated this most about her! She was so good to me while I spent time with her and styled her hair for many years.  
Classy and unforgettable. Carol - thank you for blessing my life. I will see you again. Hugs to your family!

Melissa Haugen - January 10 at 02:03 AM

JG

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Smith "Carol" Over the years I have enjoyed many roadside chats with Mrs. Smith, "Carol" and several on her little patio when I would walk down to see her. Every time I called her Mrs. Smith she would correct me and say "No, Carol" I am blessed to have known her.



Judy Good - December 29, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JG

“ Sincere condolences to Mrs. Smith's (Carol's) family, she was a lovely lady and I always enjoyed our street conversations and the times I would sit with her on her patio, she will be missed. When ever I would call her Mrs. Smith she would correct me and say "no Carol". So sorry for your loss.



Judy Good - December 26, 2025 at 01:52 PM