



## Roberta M. Smith

March 7, 1937 - November 26, 2016

Roberta M. Smith, formerly of Camp Hill, PA, most recently a resident at Bethany Village in

Mechanicsburg, went to be with her Lord on the evening of November 26, 2016, with her family

at her side. Roberta was born on March 7, 1937, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of William and

Grace Maher. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Roger W. Smith.

Roberta is survived by her children Paul, Heather and David, their spouses and children, and

her sisters Mary, Wilma and Linda and their families.

Roberta was raised in Chicago and Ventura, CA, where she learned to knit, a creative passion

she enjoyed throughout her life. Roberta earned her teaching degree from Northwestern

University, and taught 2nd grade in Evanston, IL. She and Roger married in 1961 and started

their family. Following a move to Chautauqua, NY, they settled in Camp Hill, PA in 1971, where

Roberta developed a new passion, biking. She rode often, both short and long distances,

eventually taking cycling vacations in Holland. She also earned her Master's degree, taught

herself sign language, and substitute taught in special needs classrooms. She filled her spare

time making quilts, baking, gardening, knitting and reading. Always the teacher, Roberta would

go on to introduce her grandchildren to the wonders of creating.

An active volunteer and devout Lutheran, Roberta served many community organizations. She

was an operator for the suicide hotline, volunteered in a prison outreach program, and worked

on numerous projects and activities with her church and garden club. Both she and Roger were

active supporters of Lutheran Camping Corporation and spent many happy days at Camp

Nawakwa.

Ever the student, at the age of 60 Roberta studied and became a Master Gardener, even raising

composting earthworms in the house, to the delight of her grandchildren. Her gardening

knowledge and skills were extensive, and she shared her love of nature and gardening in school

classrooms and gardening clubs throughout the Harrisburg area.

Roberta will be fondly remembered for many things, including her warm laugh, her German

Chocolate Cakes, celebration quilts, custom-knit Christmas stockings for each new family

member, and her deep and abiding faith in Christ.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 AM on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St., Camp Hill. A memorial service will begin at 10:30 AM with a luncheon to immediately follow.

Musselman Funeral Home Is Honored To Serve The Smith Family.