



## Mary A. (Hanley) Smith

May 1, 1943 - July 20, 2013

Bennington, V.T. – Mary A. (nee Hanley) Smith, 70, died July 20 2013 at the Centers for Living and Rehabilitation in Bennington, VT. She was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Albert Hanley and her younger brother, James.

Mary was born in Staten Island, NY but was raised and lived most of her young life in Rensselaer, NY. She attended college at St. Luke School for Nursing in Pittsfield, MA and then at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. After nursing school Mary worked at Albany's VA hospital before she was commissioned in the US Army Nurse Corp. She served as a combat nurse in Vietnam for two years followed by duty in San Francisco, CA at the Presidio. Upon completion of her combat service, Mary served as a Flight Nurse with the 139th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Scotia NY until 1977 and was honorably discharged as a Captain. After her well decorated service to our country, Mary devoted her life to helping patients as a Public and Home Health Nurse in the Capital District Area.

In 1978, Mary wed Kenneth G. Smith and together they raised twins, David and William, in East Schodack, NY. Mary was most proud of her children's accomplishments from grade school through their career successes as an Officer in the United States Air Force and as a Principal Scientist at Merck. While juggling child rearing and career, she always remained focused on

trying to live a simple humble life centered on family. Throughout her life, Mary was known to be a very giving and loving person, often going without, so she could give to those around her. She was happy when she made others happy.

Survivors include her sons; Lt. Col David (Kerry) Smith and Dr. William (Carly) Smith; her brothers Albert (Joan) and John (Robin) Hanley and sister, Diane (James) Reilly. Mary was a wonderful "Grand ma mère" to her 4 grandsons and granddaughter; Marcus, Luke, Elliot, Russell and newborn Mackenzie. She always took an interest in their activities.

Funeral services Friday, August 2, 2013 at 10:30 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph's Church, Herrick Street, Rensselaer where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited and may call in the funeral home after 8:30 am. Interment will immediately follow the Mass in the family plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Greenbush.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, offer a virtual gift, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Third Ave Extension  
Rensselaer, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph's Church  
Herrick Street  
Rensselaer, AK

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary A. (Hanley) Smith*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary A. (Hanley) Smith*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Aunt Mary was always so soft spoken, with such a beautiful spirit. She was such a great role model, and I was so proud to follow in her footsteps as not only a nurse - but also as a VA nurse. We've had many great conversations since I graduated nursing school and have been incredibly touched by her humility at all she has accomplished in this life. She will be extremely missed, but I carry her every day with me and strive to be the great nurse and woman she was.*

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**Patty Hanley** - August 02, 2013 at 06:41 AM



*Thank you Patty.*

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**William Smith** - August 03, 2013 at 11:28 AM

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“ Our memories of Mary will always be how proud she was of her boys and their families. Rest in peace Mary knowing your boys grew into excellent young men who hold family as dear as you did. I'll always remember our conversations about the grandchildren and even though your body failed you later in life, your mind was always sharp. Gone, but never forgotten.

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**Cindy Kimball** - July 31, 2013 at 08:55 PM

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*Thank you Cindy!*

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**William Smith** - August 01, 2013 at 07:12 PM

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“ Mary and I were classmates and graduated from SJA Class of 1961. However, I was unaware that Mary served our country as a nurse in Vietnam. What I recall was that she was a very quiet and shy girl but so very pleasant. She also was a studious and intelligent girl and was proud when we graduated. Funny, I was just the other day looking at our yearbook and remembering those from our class who had passed on not knowing until this week that Mary had also passed. My sympathies to her family.

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**Martha Lasher-Warner** - July 31, 2013 at 12:19 PM

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*Thank you Martha.*

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**William Smith** - August 01, 2013 at 07:49 AM

 David  
Smith

“ I have many fond memories of Mom. The first that comes to mind as I reflect on my own parenthood experience is how dedicated she was at attending our sporting events. For those that know her she wouldn't exactly be categorized as the dainty “soccer mom”, but she was the teams biggest fan. Embarrassed at the time, as any teenager would be, I look back now and think how awesome it was to have a mom care that much. I see many parents today not present in their children's lives and this was certainly not the case with her. As a parent now, I only hope to be there for my kids as she was there for us. Love you Mom....thanks for being there when I needed you.

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**David Smith** - July 30, 2013 at 09:35 PM

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“ I remember Mary, home on leave, taking me out for the day. I am her godchild, and I was three 1/2 years old; I was so happy to be spending the day with her--she was so sweet to me and I thought she was so beautiful. She bought me a new Easter outfit, took me to lunch, and bought me a stuffed rabbit from Grant's Department Store in Albany. She then took me to see the movie Bambi at the Palace theater. Many, many, many years have passed since that day but that is one of my most pleasant and precious memories from childhood and she will forever be sweet and beautiful to me, as I am sure she will remain in the hearts of many others.

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**Carol Mackey** - July 30, 2013 at 12:14 PM

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Thank you so much for sharing that memory Carol- God Bless W. Smith

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**william smith** - July 30, 2013 at 05:40 PM