



Ethel Howell Smith

January 24, 2015

Ethel Howell Smith died Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the age of 89. She was born to the late Novella West Howell and I. Kelly Howell.

Ethel was a Woodrow Wilson High School graduate, class of 1942. She retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a Budget Analyst after 38 years. She had a second career with Jackson-Hewitt Income Tax Service. She discovered she had a talent for painting while participating and then volunteering at the Beazley Foundation Senior Center in downtown Portsmouth.

Ethel was predeceased by her first husband, Marvin Huddleston; her second husband, Bernon Smith; son, K. Randolph (Randy) Smith; sister, Helen P. Gieseler and three brothers, Jack Howell, I. Kelly Howell, and Sidney E. Howell. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah H. Schoenberger and her husband, Dale G. Schoenberger.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 – 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue in Portsmouth, Va. with the funeral service to follow immediately at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I first worked with Ethel in 1986 at the tax office in Portsmouth. She was a sharp intelligent lady who was committed to doing things right. I always enjoyed Ethel. She knew what what she believed and was not hesitant about letting you know what it was. A breath of fresh air to be around. I count myself better for having known her.

Dennis Hilliard - January 29, 2015 at 04:54 PM

BB

“ Ethel was an analyst in the Supply Dept at NNSY for many, many years. She was great at her job and we always knew she would get us an answer. Might not be the one we wanted to hear :-), but she always did her best. She was so dependable ! Praying for her family.....

Brian Baird - January 29, 2015 at 02:07 PM

BE

“ Debbie and Dale,

During this difficult time may you find peace and strength through the love and caring of your family and friends. May the Lord comfort your heart.

We love you and have you in our prayers.

Jo Ann, Riley and Beth

Beth - January 28, 2015 at 10:18 PM

MY

“ *Ethel was a great woman, loved by all who knew her. She was a joy to be around. What a special woman who will be missed by all who knew her.*

Myra - January 27, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ *I know you and my mom (Helen) are having a good time playing BINGO. You will be missed by all of us Narrons. R I P. We LOVE YOU.*
Georgia and Dave



Georgie Narron Dillon - January 26, 2015 at 04:47 PM