



## Evelyn D. Sumner

April 18, 2012

After a long struggle with Alzheimer's and subsequent stroke, Evelyn Melodie Duke Smith Sumner of Portsmouth Churchland passed from this life to an eternity of dancing in joy on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the age of 86. She was born to Candace and Linwood Duke, in Portsmouth where she remained a life-long resident.

She was a member of Court Street Baptist Church for over 75 years and had been formerly active in the Lady Shrine Jesterettes/Order of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Tall Cedars Cedarettes, Portsmouth Women's Club and Ladies Auxiliary of the Portsmouth Fire Department. Before retiring, she worked as a Credit Manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in both Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School as well as the "school of hard knocks".

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband 38 years, Francis Everett Smith, Sr; son, Francis Everett Smith, Jr; brother, Linwood Joseph Duke, Jr. and two sisters, Candace Millicent Beale and Eleanor Jean Pace.

She is survived by her second loving husband 28 years, Thomas A. Sumner; daughter Gloria Smith Gaines Herman N, Jr.; 'children by love', Gloria Sumner Jones Sherwood, and Bert Sumner Vickey; sisters, Norma Lee Nodar and

Gloria Ardele Allen both of Alabama; grandchildren Michael K.M. Gaines Teresa, Heather M. Larson Dewey; 'grandchildren by love', Keith Jones and Anita Jones Cavanagh; multiple great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 10:00am, at Olive Branch Cemetery in Portsmouth. Rev. L. Wilbur Kersey will officiate. A visitation will be held Monday, from 6-7:00 p.m in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel.

Memorial donations given to the American Heart Association or the Gideon Bible Association would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ Tommy, Don and I were out of town last week and are just catching up on the news. Evelyn was always such a warm and gracious lady and we always enjoyed our times with her at church and at the beach with my family. You have been such a wonderful husband to her. I suspect she's met up with lots of the old gang by now and they are playing cards and laughing about old times. Hope the good memories that you were able to share will help you though this sad time. Love, Don, Renee, Lauren and especially Carl###imported-begin###Renee Willhoite###imported-end##

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April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for sharing Evelyn with us. May she rest in eternal peace. Her spirit shall reside in our hearts forever. Lovingly, Maria & the staff of Dominion Village at Chesapeake###imported-begin###Maria Irlinger###imported-end##

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“ To Marion, Nancy, Mary Kay and all the Sumner family, Gloria, Herman and all of the Smith family I feel your loss. Evelyn the world will miss you, as will us all. God Bless!###imported-begin###Robert Carter###imported-end##

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April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So many fond memories. I spent many hours at Evelyn's home, she was the one I could "talk" to when I was a teen. I loved her so much and she will be missed. Evelyn, you and my mom are dancing in Heaven! I love you!###imported-begin##Bonnie Butler##imported-end##

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April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM