



## Alice Clay Smith

September 25, 1920 - September 3, 2017

Smith, Alice Clay, age 96 of Novi, MI, formerly of Plymouth, MI, died on September 3, 2017. Alice was born in Tutwiler, MS and delivered by her father, Dr. T. F. Clay, on September 25, 1920.

Alice attended Tutwiler High School and received a BS Degree in Education at Delta State Teacher's College in Cleveland, MS on May 1942. She joined the WAVES in October 1942 and served in the Disbursing Office of the US Navy in Memphis, TN for three years. Alice met Sgt. Arthur Smith at Fort Belvoir, VA and four months later they were married. They lived in Virginia, Detroit, MI, and then Art built their family home in Plymouth, MI. Alice is survived by her five children, Virginia (James) Nelson, Pamela (Robert) Burcaw, Deborah (Paul) Gelderblom, Thomas (Marilyn) Smith, and Michael (Lynne) Smith, along with 19 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Alice was always busy with family and church activities. She taught her girls to sew and cook, was a Brownie Leader, and active in the United Methodist Church Women. She has written and published books on the lineage of her parents and her husband's parents.

Art and Alice were married 63 years with Art preceding her in death in April 2009. They enjoyed living in the Fox Run Community since 2003. A Memorial Service will be held in the PAC at Fox Run on Saturday, September 23 at 3:00 pm. Memorial donations may be made to Fox Run Resident Care Fund , 41200 Fox Run Rd, Novi, MI 48377 or the Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Clay

Memorial Scholarship Fund at <http://www.deltastategiving.org> or by mail: DSU Foundation, P. O. Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733. To share a memory please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

PAC at Fox Run  
41000 West 13 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48377

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alice Clay Smith*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *American Management Services, Inc. Orlando, FL purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Alice Clay Smith.*



**American Management Services, Inc. Orlando, FL -**  
September 19, 2017 at 03:21 PM



“ *Lucy and David Senter purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Alice Clay Smith.*



**Lucy and David Senter -** September 13, 2017 at 03:37 PM