



Ellen Ruth Isbell Smith

August 24, 1917 - October 14, 2012

Ellen Ruth Isbell Smith, 95, of Homewood, passed away Sunday, October 14, 2012. She was born in Columbiana, Alabama on August 24, 1917 to James Laney and Samantha Isbell. She was the last of 9 children. She was a popular coed at Howard College, where she graduated in 1939. She met Coach Hugh W. Smith, a WWII combat veteran, and married him in 1951. The couple had 3 children, Susan Sims of Wilmington NC, Sally Smith and Hugh Smith Jr. of Birmingham. Mrs. Smith was physical education teacher and guidance counselor at Ensley High School for 25 years. She was also the faculty coach for the cheerleading squad at Ensley for many years. She and Mr. Smith were members of First Baptist Church of Birmingham, where she used to sing in the choir. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, her parents and 7 of her siblings. She is survived by one sister, Adell Edmondson of Columbiana, her children and her daughter-in-law, Kay, her granddaughter, Rebecca Ellen Sims of Wilmington NC and her husband Daniel Cook, grandson, Henry Smith of Birmingham, and great-granddaughter, Bailey Cook of Wilmington NC, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren. They will always remember her for her kindness, her gentle charm and down-to-earth humor. Visitation will be held at Bolton Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 from 1 to 2 p.m. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. at Bolton Funeral Home with burial in Columbiana City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to South Highlands Presbyterian Church Adult

Day Care Center in Birmingham or to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama foundation.

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