

ALDEN SMITH SHRIVER



Alden Smith Shriver was born on June 12, 1931. She was the beloved daughter of Abigail Guthrie Smith and Robert W. Smith Jr., of Greensburg, PA. Alden attended the Greensburg public schools through 8th grade. She went to Winchester Thurston School for a year and then attended and graduated in 1949 from Chatham Hall in Danville, VA. She graduated from Smith College with a BA in Theater

in 1953. While in college, she did summer stock as a member of the groundbreaking Group 20 Players. After graduation, she worked at WQED, which was just beginning as a public broadcasting station in Pittsburgh.

She married her husband, B. R. (Randy) Shriver Jr. in 1954. They had been married for 59 years at the time of his death in 2013. They shared three children, Anne Shriver Wagner (Gregory), B. R. (Beaver) Shriver III (Erin), and Robert S. Shriver (Connie), 10 grandchildren, Greg Jr., Kristen, Shannon, Tim, Guthrie, Christian, Jack, Henry, Vivienne and Ana, and two great-grandchildren (Alex and Will).

As a young mother, she and several friends founded a prayer group that met every Friday for over 50 years. Alden was an active wife and mom, she was the president of the Mother's Association at Fox Chapel Country Day School and even wrote the school song! She was there for every golf match, school activity, hockey, and baseball game as well as on moving day or to help plan a wedding or rock a colicky baby.

Alden was a gifted pianist who used her talent to teach, entertain, and above all worship her precious Lord Jesus. She wrote many songs of praise and prayer. As an avid outdoor person, she walked/hiked for miles, studying birds and wildflowers.

Alden and Randy moved to Hot Springs, VA in retirement and she volunteered her time and talents there as well. She joined the Hot Springs Fire Department Auxiliary, participated in the Warm Springs Garden Club, did a little clogging, and started a Bible Study! She also volunteered at the Springs Nursing Home as a music therapist.

Upon Randy's death, Alden moved back to Pittsburgh. She lived at Country Meadows in South Fayette Township for 10 years where she had a fulfilling life. She was able to participate as a volunteer; playing the piano, leading a bible study, and teaching friends to play bridge! The caring staff there became like family.

She belonged to The Homestead Golf and Tennis Club. She was a former member of the Fox Chapel Golf Club and The Tuesday Musical Club. She is survived by her dearly loved younger sister, Susan Smith Rosenthal (Stephen); and her children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

There will be a Graveside Service at the Warm Springs Cemetery, Virginia on Friday, October 27th at 11:00 am. Donations can be made in Alden's memory to a charity of the donor's choice. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com

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