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Margaret Forker “Peggy” Smith

Mrs. Margaret Forker Smith, known to friends and family as Peggy, died peacefully June 30, 2011 at her home in the Indianspring retirement community in Cincinnati after a long illness.

Mrs. Smith was born in Cincinnati on April 5, 1937 to David M. and Elizabeth Nichols Forker. She attended Ms. Doherty's elementary school and CPS before completing high school at Dobbs in New York. She attended Pine Manor College before completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Cincinnati and eventually earned a M.A. in Education and taught in the Head Start program for the Cincinnati Public Schools. She later taught art at the Children's Home of Cincinnati for many years, volunteered at the Doherty school library and at Hyde Park and Peebles Elementary Schools. She was a long-time member of the Garden Club of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Junior League and was a board member of the Cincinnati Women's Exchange.

Charlevoix and the Belvedere Club was Peggy's greatest joy. Over the years, she never missed spending parts of her summers at the Belvedere. We estimate that she made 50 consecutive summers before illness prevented her from making the trip from Cincinnati. Her fondest memories were of the many friends she made on the resort and in town and during her later years, the Christmas cards and calls she received from her Charlevoix friends always brought a smile and provided an immeasurable benefit. Later in her life, it was the promise of a summer on the Belvedere that helped to keep her spirits up.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Charles F. Smith III and her parents. She is survived by her brother, David Forker of Smiths, Alabama, her children Chip Smith of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Margo Lober of Cincinnati, her two beloved grandchildren Jacob Lober and Rory Smith, and her longtime friend and care giver, Pearl Brooks of Cincinnati.

Peggy requested no funeral service be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.