



Phyllis Davis Brieling Smith

April 5, 1930 - January 9, 2026

Phyllis Davis Smith (née Brieling), age 95, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026, in White Plains, Maryland. Born and raised in Washington, D.C. on April 5, 1930. She later moved to Waldorf, MD where she lived a long and fulfilling life as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend; dedicated to her family, community service, and a passion for quilting.

Phyllis worked at the Cheltenham Naval Base, where she met the love of her life, Wayne Smith. Their marriage spanned 44 years until Wayne's passing.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, William (Deborah) Davis, John (Barbara) Davis, and Peggy Davis Coons. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren, Brian Coons, Gregory (Lori) Coons, Allison (Jeremy) Sellick, Kevin (Jane) Davis, Lauren Davis, and granddaughter-in-law Sarah Davis. Phyllis was also blessed with great-grandchildren, Andrew Coons, Jacob Coons, Hunter Coons, Lucy Cook, Heidi Cook, Connor Coons, Alexander Davis, Connor Sellick, Emmy Rose Sellick, Reid Davis, and Ellen Davis. She is also survived by her dear friend, Bonny Brock.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents Cleo Lewis Brieling and William Brieling, stepmother Maria Julia Brieling, sister Jacqueline Gearheart, husband Wayne R. Smith, and grandson Ryan Paul Davis.

A gifted quilter with an eye for detail and a love for fabric artistry, Phyllis was an active member of several quilting communities throughout her life. She was a past member of the Patch Workers of La Plata and the Annapolis Quilt Guild and participated in a small quilting bee that brought together close friends who shared her passion. She used her expertise as a quilting judge at the St. Mary's County Fair for over two decades.

Beyond quilting, Phyllis dedicated herself to civic engagement and volunteerism. She served as an election judge for 25 years and contributed more than four decades of service to the Charles County Fairgrounds' arts and crafts building as well as the produce building. Her commitment extended to volunteering with the La Plata Lion's Club and the local Bloodmobile. She also participated in water aerobics and swimming at Charles County Community College for 27 years.

Phyllis also shared a strong bond with her husband through their joint involvement for over 50 years as charter members of the General William Smallwood Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), reflecting their shared dedication to service.

Visitation will be on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 1:00 PM until time of service at 3:00 PM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will be at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Hwy
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service , P.A.
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ED

“ I miss her so much I wish I could let go, but it is so hard for me to be able to do that. from her loving great granddaughter, ellen

Ellen davis - May 19 at 07:54 PM

BE

“ I met Phyllis in 1975 when she joined the Patchworker's Quilt Club. She was an extremely active member of the Patchworker's doing planning of quilts, helping with the annual quilt show and was treasurer for many years. I always enjoyed being with Phyllis working on quilts activities because she was a positive and cheerful person. I moved from Charles County in 2018 but remember meeting Phyllis and Merna (another quilter) for lunch before I moved.

Barbara Evans - January 15 at 10:33 PM

FO

“ Frank, Marcie, Morgan (John), Owen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Davis Brieling Smith.

Frank, Marcie, Morgan (John), Owen - January 15 at 08:00 PM

FO

“ Frank, Marcie, Morgan (John), Owen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phyllis Davis Brieling Smith.



Frank, Marcie, Morgan (John), Owen - January 15 at 08:00 PM

BO

“ *Bonny purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Phyllis Davis Brieling Smith.*



Bonny - January 15 at 07:56 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Davis Brieling Smith.*



January 14 at 12:51 PM

GC

“ *I only knew Phyllis for a short period time through the sewing group that my wife belongs to. She was a very nice and sweet person, and I always enjoyed talking with her. My wife and I were saddened to hear of her passing.*

Gail and Mitch Campbell - January 14 at 12:39 PM