



Cathern Louella Smith

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Cathy Lou Smith, age 85, went to heaven on 8/16/2025 at Culpeper Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born July 29, 1940, in the historical Bushy Park farmhouse, a Civil War field hospital in Catharpin, VA, to Rev. C.M. "Kin" and Anna (Keene) McGlothlin.

She worked at the Pentagon for 20 years. When she retired, Cathy was an administrative assistant to General Harry Griffith, Director of Defense Nuclear Agency. She received the Agency's highest award, the Exceptional Civilian Service Medal. After retiring, regardless of her medical condition, she strived to serve her community. Cathy wrote community news in local newspapers. She loved to photograph nature and make pottery.

In 2000, she received the Culpeper Colonel award. Lou is survived by her husband of 67 years, Carrington, and two daughters, Lisa Stuart and Teresa Jones, both of Culpeper. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, as well as a brother in Kansas, six sisters locally, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kin and Anna McGlothlin, and siblings Peggy Schloe, Sylvia Taylor, and Carlice McGlothlin. A wake will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Found and Sons Chapel of Culpeper, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper.

A funeral will be held at 12:00 p.m. on August 21, 2025, in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA. Family and friends are invited to meet after the burial at the Culpeper American Legion Post 330, 14222 Rixeyville Rd, Culpeper, VA, to share a meal and memories of all the wonderful times we've all shared with her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite wildlife organization. Your love and legacy will be forever etched in our hearts. We will miss you dearly.



Events

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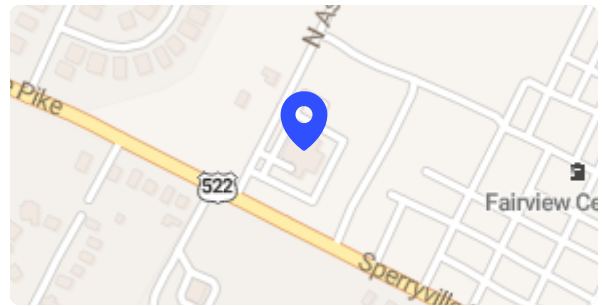
Wake

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



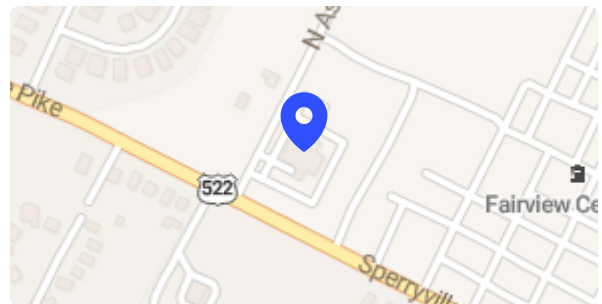
Funeral Service

Thursday, August 21, 2025

12:00 PM ET

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



Burial

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Hwy., Manassas VA 20109






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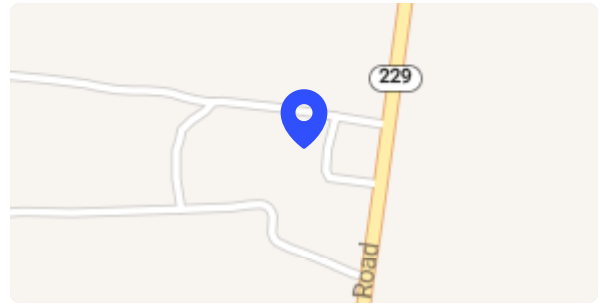
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Reception

 **Thursday**, August 21, 2025

 **Culpeper American Legion Post 330**
14222 Rixeyville Road, Culpeper VA 22701

 Following the Burial at Stonewall Memory Gardens,
Manassas, Virginia





Tribute Wall

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Sue posted:

LouElla was my oldest sister, #1 and I was # 10 of the 11 children. My first memories were of her bringing Mommy red roses some Fridays when she'd come to pick up Lisa, who mom babysat. But she was also a mother figure for me, as I went to babysit her girls as a young teen and stayed 2yrs. She taught me to cook and take care of a home and family, so I was well prepared when I got married and began my own family. I remember her taking me to a shop in Mannassas to buy me a few new school dresses. Us sitting in the den watching her super 8 silent movies she'd taken of family get togethers. All of our large family going to church together for decades, having meals afterwards almost every Sunday, at Mom & Dad's, sometimes at the church or local parks. Her taking charge of family events like booking family photo sessions at Olan Mills, etc. But mainly, that she was a praying, Godly Christian that loved her family deeply, friendly and helpful to family, friends and even strangers, which most became new friends. She was admired in her community as a nice lady that got things done, just 1 of which was writing a local column that kept up with the going ons and ppl of her area. She served on the Culpeper Cty school board. She was interested in politics, local to national, always voted, a proud American! She loved to share her photos and stories of where she was born, her growing up years and married life. As her family grew from grandkids to great grandkids, she babysat a few full-time, but loved them all and was so happy and proud of each one. She continued to do alot with her family until just the last few years as her health issues became worse. Lou will never be forgotten as the caring, kind, wonderful lady she was. I'm so grateful that she was my sister and for all she did for me. She was so loved and will be surely missed by us all.

August 30 at 3:02 AM



Love Your Sister Wanda, Bucky And Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Smith family.



August 20 at 4:56 AM



Love Your Sister Wanda, Bucky And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Cathern.



August 20 at 4:56 AM



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Marie Johnson posted:

I met beautiful Louella thru Wayne. They all grew up together. She was the most godly woman I have ever met. She lived her life like Christ. Lou n WC came to the beach with us back in the 1970's. She fell in love with reedville and built a beautiful home she loved. My cousin now owns it and loves it as well. It was an honor knowing Lou. Rest in peace!!

August 19 at 2:34 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Smith family.



August 19 at 3:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cathern by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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