



Margaret "Babs" Smith

August 26, 2020

Margaret (Babs) Smith passed away peacefully on August 26, 2020. She was born in Winnipeg, Canada, and brought up in Bragar, on the beautiful Isle of Lewis, Scotland. Babs and her husband Donald lived in Nassau, Bahamas for over 40 years. After losing Donald, Babs moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida to be near her family. She is survived by her daughter Christine Smith, granddaughter Erica Zeilman, brother Norman Mackay, sister-in-law Cathy Mackay and daughter-in-law Linda Smith. She was a kind, compassionate, generous, faithful soul who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She will be buried with her beloved husband, Donald Smith, and Beloved son, Ian Smith, at Riverside Memorial Park in Tequesta, Florida.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road
Jupiter, FL 33469

Tribute Wall



“ Margaret "Babs" Smith

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ You would not be able to find a sweeter, kinder or more loving person than Auntie Babs. She was always a giving person, but no pushover. She was strong willed and determined, and constantly working on projects, from landscaping to painting to building cement walls.

I happened to walk in on her a few years ago, standing on the kitchen counter to reach the top of the wall she was painting. When I mentioned that one misstep could be disastrous, she brushed it off with "I've always done it this way!" She did have a cement mixer in the Bahamas (a thoughtful gift from Don so that she wouldn't have to mix it up in the wheelbarrow with a shovel.) So hard working in fact, that when she was going through the legalities of immigrating to the U.S., they had difficulties in getting any clear fingerprints.

She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

My love and thoughts to Christine and Erica.

Alistair Allan

ALISTAIR ALLAN - September 05, 2020 at 03:00 PM

IS

“ Dearest Christine and Erica,

Lots of treasured memories of Babs stretching back 50 years, married to my dear brother Don after meeting in Toronto, Canada in the 1950's and joining him in Nassau, Bahamas where they lived for 40 years before retiring to Florida. Babs worked as a legal secretary with a law firm in Nassau for most of their time there.

In addition to their regular visits 'home to Lewis', Nassau became a favoured 'exotic' holiday destination for Isabel and I for several trips and later joining them for visits in Florida.

Regrettably, current restrictions on travel prevented us from joining you and returning to the Riverside Memorial Park where Babs was laid to rest alongside Don and her beloved son Ian.

Babs will be missed by all who knew her and our thoughts and prayers are with you, with Erica, your family and friends.

*Death brings a heart-break,
That no one can heal,
But memories of Babs
No-one can steal*

Ian & Isabel

Ian Smith - September 03, 2020 at 07:35 AM

AM

“ Dear Christine and Erica,
We can't begin to tell you how sorry we all were to hear about Auntie Babs. We have treasured memories of when you would, as a family, 'come home' to Lewis. These were exciting times and precious times for all the family as you were all loved and missed so much from afar. We will remember a kind, loving lady who was strong, determined and wise. She always showed such care and interest, and lived such a rich and full life with Uncle Don and her beloved family. We will miss everything about her. We are so sad to be so far away from you and Erica at this time Christine. Losing your mum is so very hard. Auntie Babs was dearly loved and this would have been a great blessing to her. Please know that we are thinking of you at this sad time and sending all our love.
Uncle Geoff, Anne, Lynne, Stuart, Iain, Erin, Euan, Cameron, Isabella and Callan xxx

Anne Macleod - August 31, 2020 at 05:55 AM

SS

“ Such sad news to hear of Babs' passing. I have so many happy memories of Summer visits from Babs and family throughout the years. She always had great stories to tell and some words of wisdom to share each year as I was growing up. Like Don, Babs never really seemed to age over the 40 plus years of knowing her. A remarkable lady.

Sending our love to Christine and Erica, from Stuart, Carolyn and family.

Stuart Smith - August 31, 2020 at 05:31 AM

CM

“ *Cathy, Norman and Family send Love and Condolences to Christine and Erica on the loss of a wonderful mother and an adoring grandmother. Our thoughts are also with Babs's little dog, Shelby, her loyal companion for the last few years. Babs's lifelong love of animals dated back to her early days on the croft when amazingly she could recognise - out of the large flock - each individual sheep by its face. Croft work was hard in those days, and it was to Babs's credit that she turned down further education (until later in life) so as to continue helping her aunt.....an example of the way she was willing to put other people's needs before her own. A devoted sister, sister-in-law, aunt and great-aunt, Babs will always be lovingly remembered.*

Catherine MacKay - August 31, 2020 at 04:54 AM

NM

“ *I am so saddened by the passing of my beloved sister. Babs and I were brought up together at 3 North Bragar by our devoted, hard-working aunt, Catriona, whose loving care we both appreciated and fondly recalled whenever we met - or more recently in 'phone conversations. Reminiscing about Bragar always gave Babs pleasure and, although she had become physically weak latterly, her memory was excellent and her sense of humour was still there! Although Babs left the Isle of Lewis when she was young, she never forgot her family and friends, visiting with her late husband, Donald, as many as possible on her return trips -always showing, as others have said, compassion and kindness. Happy Memories, Much Love and Heartfelt Sympathy to Christine and Erica from Norman.*

Norman MacKay - August 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM

GC

“ Christine & Erica,

It is difficult to believe Babs is no longer with us and to express the deep sadness I feel for you but also for the loss of such a dear friend. She was truly a treasure to everyone who was blessed to know and love her, my family included. I will greatly miss having tea with her while Shelby sat at our feet, patiently waiting for the occasional belly rub as I listened to and helped Babs compile so many humorous and poignant stories. We collaborated as much together as time & circumstances allowed. It will be my mission and privilege to finish what she left. It meant so much to Babs to share her life story and leave that as a gift for her loved ones. I will do my best to complete the work that remains and honor her in doing it. She led such a full and interesting life and I marvel at how such a small, delicate woman encompassed so much strength and tenacity. Babs faced many hardships, more than most people I know, but through it all she possessed the faith and the will to carry on, with God's grace. She was grateful for His many blessings. I feel honored to have been her friend and to have had the privilege of spending time with her. I will miss her as I know you and all who loved her will, beyond measure.

*Much love, sympathy and many prayers,
Gretchen Chidsey & Family*

Gretchen Chidsey - August 30, 2020 at 08:48 PM

GA

“ What can I say? Auntie Babs was my babysitter often in Nassau, and we have been in constant touch my whole life. Our families shared Christmas, Guy Fawkes day, birthdays - we were an extended family for my formative years. So different from my Mum, who could spell 'cement mixer', but of course, Babs had her own! She was always a loving, inquisitive, and involved person. The only thing I could never get her to change her mind about, was hot sauce! Even though I knew this was coming, I'm sitting here crying as I type. We should all hope to live such a good life.
Graham.

Graham Allan - August 30, 2020 at 08:09 PM

SH

“ Christine and Erica,
I will miss seeing Your mom/grandmother when I visit JAX Beach. She was so interesting to talk to and had a great sense of humor. I liked joking with her about forgiving me for being ridiculous when visiting the Bahamas with Christine during our college years. She would just laugh when I would bring it up. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.. prayers and thoughts to you and your entire family

sara horn - August 30, 2020 at 06:46 PM

IM

“ My parents (Donnie and Chrissie Maclean) knew Babs and Donald very well, and though separated by distance they remained very close. I and my family were fortunate to get to know Babs more recently when she moved to Ponte Vedra Beach and we are so grateful for that opportunity. Such a sweet and intelligent person, and a true lady. We are so sad to learn of her passing. Our sincere condolences to Christine, Erica, and family. Our love and prayers, Ian and Nicole Maclean.

Ian A Maclean - August 30, 2020 at 12:18 PM

AM

“ I have lots of memories of Auntie Babs. I still have the poodle teddy bear she gave me when I was 3 years old! I remember her taking me skating when she visited us in Canada and like my brother Neil I have vivid memories of her when we stayed in Nassau on our way to New Zealand in 1963 and on our way back in 1968. I too was frightened of the 2 big Alsatians - Cindy and Micky but Babs had no fear of them. We had great times together at the Harbour Club and visiting downtown Nassau, including the famous Straw Market. And then I remember visiting Babs and Don many times when they came over to Lewis on holiday. She was a kind and compassionate person and I am sad that she is gone. I will miss her too.

Anne McKillop (Rainey)

Anne McKillop - August 30, 2020 at 06:50 AM

NR

“ So sad to hear of Bab's passing. I remember staying in the Bahamas with Babs, Don, Ian and Christine in 1968 as we were on our way to the UK. I was only 8 but still remember the warmth and hospitality that I enjoyed at their place. I was there for nearly 3 months I think. Their Alsatian terrified me but it was alright once it knew me. The rest of the family stayed with Auntie Chris and Pete so I was with them on my own. Both Babs and Don made it special. I also vividly remember their visit when we lived in New Zealand. They arrived on the "Marco Polo" cruise ship and took Trish, myself and our boys on board. It was fantastic and the boys remember it to this day. Babs was such a kind person with a great sense of humour. We will miss her. Neil and Trish Rainey

Neil Rainey - August 30, 2020 at 02:52 AM

WC

“ *Babs as she was affectionately known to most was a special friend. A special mother and grandmother to Christine Erica and Ian and a very special wife to Don Don. All of the aforementioned persons meant much to Will Deann and myself and were always full of kindness and integrity A loss like this is never easy Christine but you can take comfort in knowing that Ian and Don were both there to welcome her on the other side. Treasure the memories.*

William Cash - August 29, 2020 at 07:22 PM