

*A Celebration of the Life of*  
***Martha Steward Smith***  
*August 15, 1922 – July 20, 2021*



Collington Community Auditorium  
Mitchellville, Maryland  
Saturday, August 7, 2021

## *Celebrating Martha*

**Opening music** .....J.S. Bach  
Louise Huddleston

**Welcome** .....Julia Smith

***Hymn of Promise*** ..... Please join in song

**Readings** ..... Susan Stepp  
Diane Dynes

**Eulogy** ..... Debbie Lundquist  
Diane Dynes  
Dan Smith

***A Life That's Good*** .....Leigh Ann Smith  
Dave Goodsmith

**Collington Memories** .....Cathy Smith

***Peace Like a River*** .....Please join in song

**Closing** .....Julia Smith

***What a Wonderful World*** .....Louise Huddleston

*Thank you for joining us!*

## *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb there is a flower  
In the seed, an apple tree  
In cocoons, a hidden promise  
Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence  
Seeking word and melody  
There's a dawn in every darkness  
Bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future  
What it holds, a mystery  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see.  
In our end is our beginning  
In our time, infinity  
In our doubt there is believing  
In our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection  
At the last, a victory  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see.

## *Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

## *Martha's Life*

“Gladys, there’s another one!” proclaimed the family doctor to Martha’s mother just after her sister, Mary, was born, marking her momentous entrance into the world as the unanticipated younger twin. As a child growing up in Iowa and Nebraska, Martha loved to read, write, and play the viola. She attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she met her dear husband, Chuck. Their wartime romance included work distributing ration books and frequent attendance at town dances featuring big band music. On August 30, 1945, just weeks after World War II ended, she and Chuck married in a double wedding ceremony with her twin, Mary.

Martha and Chuck went on to raise six children together, while he completed his college and doctoral studies and built a career as a well-respected soil scientist. (She famously typed his doctoral thesis, complete with six flawless carbon copies, while pregnant with her sixth child.) Chuck’s work took them to new homes in Iowa, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, and finally Virginia, where they remained for 30 years. Throughout, Martha was recognized for her leadership in local communities, including university and church groups and the League of Women Voters.

In 2011, Martha and Chuck moved to the Collington retirement community, where they enjoyed a beautiful view of the lake, a near-constant stream of loved ones visiting from across the country, and an active social life with wonderful neighbors. Chuck passed away in 2016, after 70 years of loving marriage.

Martha will be remembered for her curiosity, humor, and generous, grateful spirit; making everyone feel like their funniest, smartest, most interesting self; being surrounded by mail, magazines, and *The Washington Post*; saying, "Oh, garsh!" without irony; and being an adventurous road trip enthusiast and an avid memoir writer. She was adored beyond measure by her family and friends--and was quick to point out just how lucky she was to have so many wonderful people in her life.

Martha was the proud mother of John (Pam) Smith of Hakalau, Hawaii; Dan (Cathy) Smith of Cheverly, Maryland; Diane (Jim) Dynes of Thornton, Colorado; Debra (Byron) Lundquist of Bozeman, Montana; and the late Susan (Ron) Halvorson and Karen (Larry) Davis. Of her five beloved siblings, she is survived by her sister Marilyn of Olympia, Washington. She had ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

