



## Doris Smith

February 27, 1918 - September 7, 2007

Doris Elaine MacNeill Smith died peacefully at her residence in the Lindsay House this past Friday, September 7, 2007. Mrs. Smith was a life-long resident of the Penns Grove - Carneys Point area and taught English and Reading in the local school systems for nearly 40 years. Born in Camden, New Jersey to Forrest W. and Hanna Lane MacNeill, Mrs. Smith graduated from Penns Grove High School in 1936. She was a member of the first class to graduate from the then new High School building on Maple Avenue which now houses the Penns Grove Middle School. After High School Mrs. Smith attended Glassboro State Teachers College, which is now Rowan University, graduating with the class of 1941. After graduating from Glassboro, Mrs. Smith began her long and productive teaching career as a seventh and eighth grade English teacher at the Deepwater Elementary School in Deepwater, NJ. Soon, she moved on to the newly completed Maple Avenue (Paul W. Carlton) School in Penns Grove where she taught seventh and eighth grade English as well as sponsored the "Maple Leaf" student newspaper. Early in her teaching career, Mrs. Smith took graduate courses in education at Duke University, Durham, NC as well as post-graduate courses at the University of Delaware in their reading program. At the Carlton School she was instrumental in developing and implementing a reading specialization program which eventually encompassed the Upper Elementary and High School curricula. Mrs. Smith retired from teaching in 1979. She was member and past-president of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Chapter, a teachers' honorary society.

Mrs. Smith was the wife of the late James T. Smith, II. She is survived by three sons, James T. Smith, III of Penns Grove, Barton B. Smith of Ridley Park, PA and Neil W. Smith of Swedesboro. Also surviving her are a sister Elinor M. Boress of Redlands, CA, and a brother Barton W. MacNeill of Sturgis, MS. Mrs. Smith has three grandchildren Lacey, Forrest, and Mandy Smith of Swedesboro, as well as eleven nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held for Mrs. Smith at the Ashcraft Funeral Home in Penns Grove on Thursday, September 13th at 11:00 am. Friends and family are invited to visit one hour prior at 10:00 am.