



## Aletha E. Smith "Lea"

April 29, 1936 - June 5, 2021

Aletha E. Smith "Lea", 85 of Maybrook, NY passed away Saturday, June 5th at home with her beloved dog ChiChi by her side. Aletha was born in Middletown, NY on April 29, 1936 to the late Aida and Donald Burger Sr.

Lea enjoyed crocheting, crafting, cleaning, and collecting anything elephants. Spending time with her family and friends is what she cherished more than anything. Her Grand daughter Jennifer was her caregiver to the end, and she enjoyed all the special moments including coloring pictures and talking about anything and everything- especially planning Jennifer's wedding.

Prior to her life partner Bill's passing, she enjoyed living the "snowbird" life, traveling from their home in upstate NY to their home in Mims FL. Lea enjoyed having her family vacation to Florida during spring break each year and cooking family dinners for them while they were there.

During Lea's earlier years, she enjoyed being a beautician and working in hotel management, planning weddings and just simply "being the boss". She also enjoyed traveling the world with her son Doug, as he served in the United States Army. Those that had the pleasure to know her, knows that she was very well kept and had to have everything just so.

Aletha is survived by her sons, Douglas Smith and wife Amy of Oxford Al, and Raymond Smith and wife Tammy of Middletown and her beloved fur baby Chi Chi.

Grandchildren Daniel Smith and his wife Kelly, Jennifer Bathrick and Fiancé Todd Hicks, Tara Smith, and Matthew Smith. Great Grandchildren Brent Bathrick Jr. and Landon Morris, brothers Donald Burger and wife Pat, Tom Burger, and sister Joy Bird, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, Aida and Donald Burger Sr, siblings Robert, Joseph, John, Elizabeth and Ruth. Also predeceased by her love, William "Bill" Rowland.

Services will be held at Morse Martinez Funeral home, 33 Railroad Ave., Middletown, NY on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 7PM to 9PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to a local volunteer fire department or animal shelter.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 9. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



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Martinez Funeral Homes - June 09, 2021 at 12:30 PM

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*Sincere condolence to the entire smith family kelly mcleod*

Kelly mcleod - June 11, 2021 at 08:42 AM



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Martinez Funeral Homes - June 09, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ We love you very much Nana. Im so glad we got to catch up the past couple years. Im veryhappy you got to meet Landon. He thought the world of you. Untill we meet again. Love, Tara, Bob and Landon



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**Tara Smith** - June 08, 2021 at 07:43 AM

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**Jennifer Bathrick** - June 07, 2021 at 03:14 PM