

SARAH ‘SALLY’ SMITH

July 9, 2005

Each year it is with both sadness and warm memories that I reflect upon some of the special members we have lost since our last annual message. This year is no exception. Some details about each of the individuals clearly represent simply a snapshot of my recollections and fall vastly short of any kind of summary of their individual contributions. In this reflection I often find meaning in the work we do, primarily because life is all about the legacy we leave for future generations.

Sarah “Sally” Smith – When I met Sally she was already advanced in years, and in fact she made it to 94! Sally was in the Navy- so CU has lost two Navy girls in the same year. Many folks know Sally from her years of running Chelsea Title Company where she was greatly respected for her thorough knowledge of real estate law. In later years she volunteered at the Vineland Library. Her enthusiasm for travel was infectious. Her stories of her journey up the Inside Passage from Vancouver to Alaska ignited my interest in taking the same trip. It was nearly incomprehensible that in her early 80’s she was attending CU meetings and telling us of her world travels: walking on icebergs and kayaking cold waters. A number of years ago I learned that she had stopped coming to meetings because of her health. It was hard to think of her as growing old because she was already in her 80’s and was still younger than most people I knew. Just this past week her friend and fellow CU member Joanne Greenspun told me of her death. Joanne relayed that she was making arrangements to have a bench placed on a TNC Preserve in Sally’s memory; after 39 years of living in Cumberland County she had made her “first” trip to the Bluffs. Sally would be thrilled to know that even in death she was still sending folks on wonderful treks!

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SARAH ‘SALLY’ SMITH, 93

Navy Air Corps, World War II veteran

Sarah “Sally” Smith, 93, of Vineland passed away Saturday, July 9, 2005, in South Gate Health Care Center in Carney’s Point after an extended illness.

Born in English Creek, she lived in Vineland for 44 years before moving to Carney’s Point. She was daughter of the late Charles L. and Lillian (Adams) Smith. Miss Smith graduated from Pleasantville High School, Class of 1929. She was vice president and manager of the Cumberland branch of Chelsea Title and Guaranty Co. She was a member of Atlantic County Audubon Society, Vineland Nature Club, Soroptimist Club of Vineland, Historical Society of Vineland, Friends of the Vineland Library, Vineland Women’s Club and Cumberland County Realtors Association. She was a former member of the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Home Builders Association, the City of Vineland Industrial Commission and Planning Board and former Mayor Garton’s Advisory Committee “Cando”. Miss Smith was a veteran serving during World War II in

the Navy Air Corps as an aviation machinist mate 2nd class. She enjoyed traveling, working in her flower garden and especially wild flowers, bird watching and fishing.

Survivors include two nieces, Jean Smith Jones and husband Joseph of Woodbury, and Thelma S. Johnston and husband Clarence of Carney's Point.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday from the Wainwright-Bernhardt Funeral Home 1024 E. Landis Ave., Vineland, with the Rev. Alex Thompson officiating. Visiting hours are from 10 to 11 a.m., prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment is private.