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MARGUERITE SMART OBITUARY

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October 16, 1920 - October 27, 2022

Fair Oaks, California - Marguerite (Meg) Etzel Smart
age 102

Born Oct. 16, 1920-Died Oct. 27, 2022

Rest in peace loving sister, wife, mother, grandmother,
great grandmother, friend, neighbor and Fair Oaks
citizen extraordinaire!

Born in Roseville, California to LeRoy and Minnie
Etzel, where Meg and her sister Bette grew up. After
graduating from Roseville High School, Meg attended
the College of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. She
graduated at age 19 years with a degree in education.
Meg fell in love with Lawrence (Larry) Smart in
Roseville. They married in 1942 in New York City,
while he attended officer's candidate school to become
a Captain in the Army Signal Corps. When Larry was
deployed to Europe, Meg taught elementary school
during WWII.

After WWII Larry and Meg lived in Roseville where
Larry built their family home and started their family
with Kirk, Ross, and Laurie. In 1954, Meg and Larry
moved from Roseville to a new home in Fair Oaks
when they purchased the Western Auto Store.

Marguerite helped Larry with the business, managing
the books for many years while he managed the store.

She also was a substitute teacher for the San Juan School District. Larry was active in the Fair Oaks Rotary and served as an elected director of the Fair Oaks Water District for 25 years.

Meg, never one to sit still, also immersed herself in the community. An avid bridge player Meg also taught bridge. Her bridge group formed an investment club and made enough money for everyone to travel to Hawaii. Meg was president of the Parents Club of Fair Oaks School, and when her kids grew older, she was the President of the Bella Vista High School PTA. In 1958, Meg became a member of the Woman's Thursday Club of Fair Oaks, a social and philanthropic club, serving as President in 2001 and 2002 and was a lifetime member. In 1970, she joined the Fair Oaks Rotary Inner Wheel serving as president in 1972 and 1973. Meg was also a Charter Member of American River Hospital (Mercy San Juan Hospital) Auxiliary, serving for 30 years, including holding office as its President. She was a volunteer at Sacramento County Children's Receiving Home for 15 years. Meg and Larry also helped those in need by volunteering at the Sunrise Food Ministry for 20 years. As a lifetime member of the Fair Oaks Historical Society, in 1995, Marguerite, Lois Frazier, and Iva Langness wrote the book, "Fair Oaks... The Early Years", for the Fair Oaks Centennial. They were awarded the Sacramento Historical Society Merit Award for their effort. Meg and Larry were married for 70 years. Eleven days before her passing Meg happily enjoyed her 102nd

birthday with family and neighbors who have continued to support her living independently in her own home. She celebrated with her annual gin martini with three olives.

Meg was preceded in death by her husband Larry. She is survived by her son, Kirk Smart, grandson Gordon Smart (Jeannette) and granddaughter Kelley; son, Ross Smart (Suzanne Shenfil), granddaughter Alexis (Drew Cameron) and grandson Haley; and daughter, Laurie Kajca (Pete Kajca), grandsons Nickolas (Mallory) and Spencer; her sister, Bette Benedetti; 5 great-grandsons, Cody, Zachary, Joshua, Jordan, and Bennett and 2 great grand-daughters Charlotte and Sophia.

No public services are planned. A private family gathering will be held to honor Meg's optimistic, loving, and generous spirit.

Memorial contributions may be sent to The Woman's Thursday Club of Fair Oaks Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 396, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.