



## Janice Smith Dann

January 3, 1930 - December 18, 2017

Janice Smith Dann, 87, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away very peacefully early in the morning of December 18, 2017.

Dr. Dann was born in Philadelphia, PA on Jan. 3, 1930. She enjoyed what she described as an idyllic childhood in Wheeling, WV. At the age of 13, Janice's family moved near Detroit, MI. She was proud that her father was in charge of the manufacture of the first Quonset huts used during World War II.

Janice left college to marry her high school sweetheart, Glenn Smith, and had two daughters, Sindi and Debbi, while living in Trenton, MI. The family moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL in 1954.

When her husband became seriously ill and unable to work, Janice attended Broward Community College at night while working as a secretary during the day and caring for her family. She finished her bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree at Florida State University in 1965. She served as a guidance counselor at Nova High School in Fort Lauderdale and as an Educational Research Associate in Broward County Schools from 1965-70.

Janice later returned to the University of Florida to earn her doctorate in educational research and testing. Dr. Dann moved to Tallahassee in 1973 to serve as the Director of Research for the Developmental Research School, also known as Florida High. Later she worked for the Florida Department of Education in the Assessment and Testing Section.

While working at Florida High, Janice met and married her second husband,

Dr. Elias Dann.

He was a violinist and Professor Emeritus of Musicology at the FSU School of Music. They were married for 29 years until his death in 2008.

Janice and Elias moved to Westminster Oaks in 2000 and she enjoyed serving as the chair of the Health Committee for 15 years. The family would like to thank the professional staffs of the Westminster Oaks Health Center and the Big Bend Hospice Center for their many kindnesses and loving care over the past year.

Janice is survived by her daughter, Judge Deborah Smith of Anchorage, AK, her granddaughter, Christine Arnold (Matthew) of Catania, Italy and her beloved great-grandchildren, Spencer and Samantha Arnold, as well as her loving nephews and their wives, Joe Prager (Roseanne) of Gainesville, FL and Steven Prager (Susan) of Portland, OR. Janice is preceded in death by her eldest daughter, who died in 1989 at the age of 38, her husband, Elias Dann, her parents, Alan and Mae Prager, her brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Dianne Prager, and her infant grandson, Benjamin Sills.

A memorial service to celebrate Janice Dann's life and to thank all her wonderful friends

who so enriched her life in recent years, will be held on her birthday, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Maguire Center at Westminster Oaks, 4449 Meandering Way, Tallahassee, FL.

Prior to the memorial service at 1:30 pm, the same day, there will be a Celebration of the

Eucharist with Dr. Dann's parish at Holy Comforter Church, 2015 Fleischmann Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308. Rev. Dr. Jerry Smith is officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Tallahassee Community College Foundation at 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32304 or [tcc.fl.edu](http://tcc.fl.edu). Dr. Dann always felt a special gratitude to the community college system, which allowed her to build a new life and career.

Scotti Barden is assisting the Smith-Dann family with their arrangements.  
([www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com) 850-385-2193)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Westminster Oaks Chapel  
4449 Meandering Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Janice Smith Dann.* ”



---

December 29, 2017 at 01:37 PM