

Ann Rooney Smola

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ALEXANDRIA, VA — Mrs. Ann Rooney Smola died Sept. 29, 2007 at the age of 87 in Alexandria, Va. She was the daughter of Guy and Emma Belle Rooney born Oct. 16, 1919 in Hampton, Va., where she grew up.

Mrs. Smola resided in Newport News most of her adult life until she moved to the Washington area in 2001 to be near her oldest daughter, Suzanne. While living in the Tidewater area, Mrs. Smola is most remembered for her many years of dedication as a teacher for the Hampton and Newport News public school systems.

Mrs. Smola was a graduate of Hampton High School, Mary Washington College and the College of William and Mary. She was a member of P.E.O., the Huguenot Society of Virginia, U.S. Daughters of the War of 1812, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, the Dames of the Court of Honor, and served twice as regent of the Comte De Grasse chapter, NSDAR. She was also a member of First Baptist Church in Newport News where she enjoyed singing with the Swinging Singers.

Mrs. Smola was preceded in death by her husband, Emery Emil Smola. She is survived by daughter, Suzanne Reynolds (Donald) of Alexandria, daughter, Mary Cooper-Connell (Dan) of Smithfield, Va., and daughter, Emily Hausler (Tom) of Dripping Springs, Texas. She is also survived by five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 at Peninsula Funeral Home. The funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 5, at First Baptist Church, Newport News. Burial will follow at Peninsula Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Yorktown Custom House Trust Fund, P.O. Box 392, Yorktown, VA 23690.