

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 25 Space: A2

Find A Grave # 11937566

Name: **Smith, (Cora) Elva Bennett**

Birth date: February 1, 1898 Death date: December 21, 1993 Burial Date: December 28, 1993

Age: 95 yrs,11 mo.,20 days

b. DE

Spouse: First: Charles Dure Murphy (1880-1928) m. October 15, 1918; Second: James Gordon Smith (1892-1975)

Children with Charles Dure Murphy: Charles Dane Murphy Jr. (1920-2007); Louise Adele *Murphy* Taylor (1924-2008); Children with James Gordon Smith: James Gordon Smith Jr. (1930-1971); Diane Bennett *Smith* Leland (1935-2005)

Parents: George Washington Bennett (1866-1949) and Harriet Anna *Short* Bennett (1871-1964)

Siblings: Joshua Bennett (1913-1970); George Claude Bennett (1895-1974)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Cancer; see next page

Service/occupation information:

Officiate: Rev. Gregory Howe

Lot Owner: J. Gordon Smith – A,B,C,H Oct. 28, 1966

MARKER: Shared with spouse in 25 A; GPR survey of 2021 shows a casket burial in 25 A only; 25 B is assigned to Cora Elva Smith but is open

Inscription:

James Gordon Smith
Dec. 9, 1892 – Nov. 6, 1975
Elva Bennett his wife
Feb. 1898 – Dec. 21, 1993



DIMENSIONS: H70" x W 38" x D 24"

STYLE: Large cross on a base

Lot barrier is around A, B, and C

Repairs needed: cleaning of moss



ELVA BENNETT SMITH, 95, who had lived at 1325 S. State St., **Dover**, since 1946, died Tuesday of cancer at home.

Mrs. Smith, a homemaker, was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Dover, and Kent General Hospital's building fund committee.

She grew up in Milford Neck and lived in Harrington for almost 30 years before moving to Dover.

Her first husband, Charles D. Murphy, died in 1928. Her husband, J. Gordon, died in 1975. She is survived by a son, Charles D. Murphy Jr. of Milford; two daughters, Louise Murphy Taylor of Wilmington and Diane Smith Leland of Novato, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A service will be offered at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Christ Episcopal Church, South State and Water streets, Dover. Burial will be private.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Christ Episcopal Church, Dover.

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