



Alice Ann Smallwood

November 29, 1934 - February 1, 2024

Alice Smallwood (1934-2024)

Alice Smallwood, 89, of Excelsior, MN passed away on February 1, 2024, after a 30+ year battle with cancer.

Alice was born on November 29, 1934, to Opal "Betty" Green in Los Angeles, California. Due to Betty's poor health, as a youth Alice was taken in by Ralph and Carolyn Busch. She graduated from Culter Academy in 1953, went to Sawyer School of Business, and began a career as a secretary.

Alice met Mark Smallwood while he was serving in the U.S. Navy, and she was working at the naval base. Alice and Mark married in 1961 in Riverside, CA and went on to have two children, Sarah and John. During this time Alice resided in Michigan and Kentucky. After divorcing in 1974, she resumed her career as an administrative assistant while also raising her two children in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In 2000, Alice retired from The Woodbridge Group as a Human Resources professional.

In retirement Alice enjoyed traveling and cultivating her passion and talent for various art forms, including oil painting, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, and printmaking. Alice's artwork usually exhibited a playful or whimsical quality. Brightly colored surreal landscapes, and nudes in large hats and red toenails,

were common themes which made her work readily identifiable. During these years, Alice participated in several indoor and outdoor art shows in the Downriver area of Detroit, MI.

It was at an art class when Alice met Mark Jackson, with whom she partnered, lived with, and shared this passion in Grosse Ile, MI until Mark passed away in 2019.

In 2021, Alice moved to Minnesota to be closer to family in Excelsior. During these years, she enjoyed time with loved ones, her favorite dramatic TV shows, reading mystery novels, and trips to the local Kowalski's to satisfy her sweet tooth. For sure, Alice never missed her time with "The Breakfast Club" at The Waters.

Alice was predeceased by her partner (Mark Jackson); mother (Betty Green); and foster parents (Ralph and Carolyn Busch). She is survived by her daughter Sarah Cantrell of Chicago; son John (Traci) Smallwood of Deephaven, MN; her grandson Mark Smallwood of Chicago, IL; her granddaughter Claire Smallwood currently attending the University of Michigan; and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations "In Memory of Alice Smallwood" to Little Hospice of Edina, MN at <https://www.littlehospice.org/donate> or the American Cancer Society at <https://donate.cancer.org/>.