

Verna Smith

WASHINGTON — Verna O. Smith, 90, died Saturday, May 2, in her home.

Born Dec. 11, 1907, in Washington, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Zella Willever.

She was a legal secretary for 35 years, most recently working for Wilbur Rush and Robert Schuman.

She was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington where she was the organist for 49 years.

She was a 1924 graduate of Washington High School.

She was co-founder of the Warren Hills Animal Society and supporter of wildlife protection.

She was a teacher of piano and played for silent movies and men's glee clubs.

Her first husband, Carl F. Gebhardt, died in 1954. Her second husband, Paul Smith, died in 1972. Her third husband, Frederick Waldbeiser, died in 1979.

She is survived by a daughter, Paula Freese of Harmony; two sons, Barry Waldbeiser of Phoenix, Ariz., and Carl Gebhardt of Gilford, N.H.; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held at the church. Burial was at the Washington Cemetery, Washington. The DeVoe Funeral Service, Inc., Washington was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials to the church music fund, 40 E. Church St., Washington, N.J. 07882.

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