

On July 12, 2018 Elizabeth Smith Witter '61 died as a result of kidney/heart failure. Liz, the third of four children, was born on June 27, 1939 in Glen Ridge, NJ and attended elementary and high schools in Montclair, NJ. She graduated from Smith College in 1961 with a BA in music .

She is survived by her husband, Bernie Witter, whom she married on December 19, 1959, two sons and five grandchildren. She devoted her life to her family and to music. While living in London, she was able to join the London Symphony chorus, thus commencing an long association with the choruses of several major orchestras, among them the Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra and Philadelphia Orchestra. She also sang with several choral groups, unaffiliated with a major orchestra, such as the Bethlehem Bach Choir, Choral Arts of Philadelphia and Annapolis Chorale. Her favorite conductors were Bernstein, Ormandy, Solti and Boulez. And above all, she respected and admired Margaret Hillis, who led the Chicago Symphony Chorus for many years.

Following graduation from Smith, she taught first grade in Yonkers, NY. When her sons left home, she became a committed real estate associate. She dedicated her spare time to genealogy, tracing her roots to the early days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and joining the Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames.

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