

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mrs. Elmer (Mary Louise) Smith  
Co-Chairman, Republican  
National Committee

Mary Louise Smith, Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee, was appointed to her position by Chairman George Bush in February, 1974. Mrs. Smith also serves as National Committeewoman for Iowa, and she was a member of the RNC Executive Committee from 1969-1973.

Mrs. Smith was first elected to membership on the National Committee at the Republican National Convention in July, 1964, and she served as State Vice Chairman of the 1964 Iowa Republican Presidential campaign. Mrs. Smith has served the Republican Party in Iowa as precinct committeewoman and county vice chairman; she has been active at all levels in the Iowa Federation of Republican Women, and has been a member of the State Advisory Board of this organization since 1961.

In 1966, Mrs. Smith was a member of a special subcommittee of the Republican National Committee on Convention Reforms, and she served as delegate-at-large and on the Committee on Arrangements and Platform Committee for the 1968 and 1972 Republican National Conventions. In 1969 and 1971, she served as Vice Chairman of the Midwest Region Republican Conference. In 1972 she was Co-Chairman of the Iowa Committee for the Re-Election of the President and National Co-Chairman of the Physicians Committee for the Presidential campaign.

As Co-Chairman, Mrs. Smith is a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee, and also a member of the Republican Coordinating Committee. Mrs. Smith is serving as Co-Vice Chairman of the Rule 29 Committee

to review and study Party rules and procedures, and a member of the Bipartisan Committee to Study Methods of Financing Quadrennial National Nominating Conventions.

Mrs. Smith has participated in a wide variety of civic and community affairs. In Eagle Grove, Iowa, where the family resided for 18 years prior to 1963, she was active in the Community Chest, the Board of Education, and the Mental Health Center of North Iowa. In 1961-1963 she was a member of the Iowa Commission for the Blind, serving as Chairman for the latter half of this term; she also was a member of the Governor's Commission on Aging. In 1969 she served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the 15th Session of the Population Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in Geneva, and in 1970-1971, she was a member of the President's Commission for the Observance of the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. In 1973 she served on the U.S. Delegation to the Third Extraordinary Session of the General Conference of UNESCO in Paris.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Congregational Church, an Honorary Colonel on the Military Staff of the Governor of Iowa, a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority, the Women's Auxiliary of the American Medical Association, Population Crisis Committee, Planned Parenthood, Y.W.C.A., the United Nations Association, and the National Women's Political Caucus. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Iowa, with a major in social work administration. She is listed in Marquis' Who's Who in America.

Mrs. Smith is married to Elmer M. Smith, M.D., of Des Moines, Iowa. Formerly in general practice and having served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a volunteer physician, he is now Consultant to the Medical Bureau of the Iowa State Department of Social Services. They are the parents of three children -- Robert C. Smith, M.D. Des Moines, Iowa; Margaret (Smith)Byrne, San Francisco; and James E. Smith, Iowa City, Iowa.