



Dolores M. Smith

December 2, 1924 - April 22, 2021

Dolores M. Smith, age 96, of Bourbonnais, a long time Kankakee resident, passed away Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Riverside Senior Living in Bourbonnais. She was born December 2, 1924 at in Kankakee, the daughter of Dolar & Laurretta (Mailloux) Martin. Dolores married Dick Eugene Smith at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1999.

Dolores attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School and graduated from Bradley High School in 1942. She was involved in Glee Club, Girls' Basketball, and Cheerleading in High School. After graduating, Dolores worked in the payroll department at Kroehler Manufacturing Company in Bradley, which is where she met Dick.

Dolores was an avid golfer and card player. Her biggest joy was her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved being a part of their activities and accomplishments, no matter where it took her. Sewing and baking for her family was a big part of her life.

Dolores was well known for her witty comebacks.

She was a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours. Dolores had a deep love for the church and her faith. She served as secretary and president for St. Martin of Tours CCW. She was corresponding secretary for the Joliet Diocese CCW. Dolores was also in charge of the funeral dinners and the card marathon at the church.

Surviving are two sons, Mark (Ruth) Smith of Bourbonnais and Martin (Christi)

Smith of High Ridge, MO; three daughters, Marsha Smith of Bristol, CT, Janice (Denny) Tobenski of Kankakee, and Monica (Max) Brigham of Chebanse; ten grandchildren, Kim (Craig) Schaefges, Andy Smith, Joanna (Vasant) Narayanan, Dennis (Darren) Tobenski, Denton (Kelly) Tobenski, Joel (Amy) Brigham, Kyle (Logan) Brigham, Jenna (Beau) Tackett, Jackie Brigham, Casey (Chris) Trueman; eleven great-grandchildren, Mark Schaefges, Matthew Schaefges, Maddison Schaefges, Paige Brigham, Morgan Brigham, Briggs Tackett, Vikram Narayanan, Lilly Narayanan, James Trueman, Parker Trueman, Luke Trueman, and Baby Brigham on the way; two sisters, Marilyn St. Louis of Ocala, FL and Claudia (Jerry) Jones of The Villages, FL; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Dick Smith, Dolores was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thomas & Ella Smith; one son, Marshall Luke Smith; two sisters, Shirley Martin and Theresa Devine; four brothers, Albert Martin, Leonard "Shakey" Martin, Richard Martin, and Paul Martin; two sisters-in-law, Mary Martin and Theresa Martin; and two brothers-in-law, Milton Breault and Vince Devine. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 29, 2021 at St. John Paul II- West Campus. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Uplifted Care, Catholic Charities, or Easy Street Theater.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

APR 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Mrs Smith was one of the beloved mothers who created a warm, loving childhood for those of us lucky enough to have been friends with at least one of her children. I will always remember her offering support as we learned to bake, knit, and make handcrafted treasures for our friends and families through the Girl Scouts. My sincere condolences to you all on her passing. What a witty woman she was.*

Jeanne Norgaard-Tramm

Jeanne Norgaard-Tramm - April 30, 2021 at 09:04 AM

DB

“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Deborah Bissonnette - April 28, 2021 at 07:06 PM

DB

I love this picture of Aunt Delores and my Dad, her brother, Leonard Martin. We had a good time together that day laking about their family history. Hope they are having a good time now on the other side. Much love to the family. Debbie Martin Bissonnette

Deborah Bissonnette - April 28, 2021 at 07:09 PM

CH

“ We'll miss crossing the street to sit on the porch and visit Mrs. smith. Our love and prayers to all of you. Great memories will stay with us always. Chris and Doug hanes

chris hanes - April 28, 2021 at 06:22 PM

CR

“ I will always remember our breakfast club after mass on Sunday mornings. And the day I asked why you always called me by my Dad's name..you told me that I was just like him 😊 you will be missed..keep our Cubbies going!

Chris Regnier - April 28, 2021 at 06:19 PM

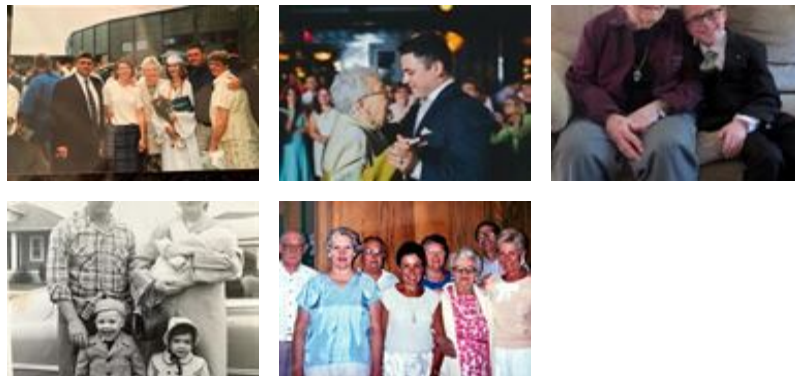
DW

“ Janice, Denny & family So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She had a good long life & it was always nice to see her at the family gatherings that she came to with you. She was always such a pleasant lady with a good sense of humor. With our sympathy, Donna & Merlyn Witheft

Donna Witheft - April 28, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 27, 2021 at 01:52 PM

PZ

“ I remember your mom well. I used to play with the Smith kids in their backyard sandbox as a child when they lived on Van Meter and I lived on Hawkins Street. Your Dad refinished our oak floors when we bought our house on Hawthorne Lane. My sincere condolences to the family.

Paul Ziemer

Paul Ziemer - April 27, 2021 at 12:42 PM

DF

“ My deepest condolences to the Smith family. My dad had worked with Dick at Kroehler for many years, Dolores was always gracious when my dad and I would "drop in" at their home on Van Meter. I remember Dolores stopped by in her gold Caprice several times to visit with my mom and help her become familiar with Kankakee (we had relocated from Binghamton, NY). She was a kind and generous lady.

David Finch

David Finch - April 26, 2021 at 03:01 PM

NM

“ Deepest condolences to the Smith Family on the death of Delores. Dick and Delores were friends of my parents and had some great adventures together. I know they are all in heaven now playing cards with all their friends from St. Martins.

Nancy Mayo Meyer

Nancy Mayo Meyer - April 25, 2021 at 10:36 PM

PZ

“ Condolences to the Smith family from your long time neighbors on VanMeter the North family. Mary North was able to visit with Delores at Riverside Senior Life in Bourbonnais a few times since that is where she also now lives. They loved seeing each other.

Patricia North Ziebart

patricia ziebart - April 25, 2021 at 01:07 PM

SC

“ What a beautiful lady she was. Up there playing cards with my mom in-law.
Condolences



sharin and david crevier - April 25, 2021 at 09:59 AM

RM

“ God has a special warrior angel by his side now. Mrs. Smith was ever the friendly and witty Catholic with always a kind word. She shared memories of my Aunt Theresa and Uncle Vince with me that brought me peace and laughter. Mrs. Smith was special and she will be missed by so many. Rest in peace.

Rose Devine & Gary Mitchell - April 24, 2021 at 10:52 AM

SM

“ The Mitchell family is sorry to hear of Dolores' passing. So many memories of VanMeter street families. Dolores is now with Dick and Luke again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sheryl Mitchell

Sheryl Mitchell - April 24, 2021 at 09:34 AM

KA

“ *KathyLott lit a candle in memory of Dolores
M. Smith*



KathyLott - April 23, 2021 at 06:06 PM