



Karen Kae Smith

April 30, 1944 - April 8, 2012

Visitation for Karen Kae Smith, 67, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. Father Mario Quejadas will officiate.

Inurnment will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Sunday (April 8, 2012) at her home.

Mrs. Smith was a former employee of Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Strand Co. and Kraft General Foods. She was born April 30, 1944, in Fairbury, the daughter of Raymond and Irene Swartz Smith. She was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. She enjoyed shopping and doing crafts.

Surviving are her husband, Robert J. Smith, whom she married June 6, 1964, in Essex; one son, Scott Smith, of Lockport; one daughter and son-in-law, Denise Mae and James Moore, of Kankakee; two grandchildren, Katelyn Rae Moore and Cody Robert Smith; and one sister, Donna Rae Wells, of Kankakee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant grandson, Robert

James Moore.

Memorials may be made for Hospice of Kankakee Valley -
www.hkvcares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **11**. 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 **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen Kae Smith*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *I just want to Thank You Bob & Karen for All the Great Years We had together. You both were such Wonderful Neighbors to Bruce, Todd, Gina & Me, My Goodness the fun & laughter with our kids are the greatest memories I have, and will hold them in my heart forever!! When Todd (at 3 yrs old) driving the car down our driveway & almost hitting your car & told us "I just want to go to Hardees & get french fries!" ha ha ha Then you'd be cleaning your boat & you'd always put Gina in the boat with you! Thank You for all the popsicles, DQS, etc. You both, by far were the greatest neighbors anyone could ever ask for!! Karen is now at her final peace & I know she is comforted in God's Loving Arms. Thank You again for your Generosity, Love & Care for ALL OF US, We Love You All.. Mary*

Mary Barber-McGrath - April 25, 2012 at 07:29 AM

VF

“ Bob, I was sorry to hear of the loss of your wife; but, of course, since I have known you, you have been traveling on this long and difficult journey. In your sorrow, I hope you will also find relief that this time of suffering is over for her just as your time of caring for her has come to an end. Probably your grieving began long ago and surely will continue for some time. May God's comfort be your strength~

Vicky J. McBurnie (YMCA friend) - April 23, 2012 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ Karen was a beautiful lady and wonderful mother, God Bless, Jackie and Mark Frechette

Jackie Frechette - April 18, 2012 at 10:24 PM

DF

“ I attended grade school in Essex and High School in Reddick with Karen Kae. I graduated from High School with Bob . I fondly remember both Bob and Karen Kae and my thoughts and prayers are with them. Karen was a very special person and I was very fortunate to have grown up with her. God bless.

Denis Fredrick - April 14, 2012 at 05:17 PM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, especially Bob & Scott.

Craig & Bridget Runner - April 12, 2012 at 12:43 PM

CG

“ Bob, Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on Karen's passing. Bob & Colleen Gray



Colleen Gray - April 11, 2012 at 09:17 AM

CS

“ Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Karen Kae Smith



Carla Scheppler - April 11, 2012 at 01:40 AM



Karen truly had a beautiful spirit and is fondly remembered. Our work days at ole PSC / KGF sometimes feel like yesterday but have flown by.

Joyce Hosier - April 11, 2012 at 03:51 PM

CS

You are so right Joyce. I lost a great friend. Praying God gives Bob, Denise and Scott strength thru this difficult time.

Carla Scheppler - April 12, 2012 at 12:00 PM

CG

“ OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO THE WHOLE SMITH FAMILY FOR THEIR LOSS OF A WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMA, AND FRIEND. SMITTY SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU HOW YOU TOOK CARE OF HER AND WAS THERE FOR YOUR FAMILY THAT IS WHAT LOVE AND LIFE IS ABOUT. LOVE YOU THE GEORGES

CONNIE GEORGE - April 10, 2012 at 09:21 PM

CG

“ *CONNIE GEORGE sent a virtual gift in memory of Karen Kae Smith*



CONNIE GEORGE - April 10, 2012 at 09:16 PM

RS

“ *Karen was a wonderful person and we lived in Essex and went to school together. She was 4 yrs younger than myself. Knew her family and sister. Blessings to all her family and our thoughts and prayers go out to them. Rena & Bob Snyder*

Rena Jo Johnson Snyder - April 10, 2012 at 07:22 PM

MS

“ So saddened to hear of the loss of Karen. I've been remembering all the years we lived next door to one another, and Frank and Bob would clean driveways during those winter snowstorms, and clear a path between our houses. Karen and I would fix coffee and hot chocolate. Those were fun times.....good memories. I'll always remember Karen as a fun loving, bubbly person.....and one who loved those garage sales.....always saving whatever was left to put on the next sale. We watched our sons grow up together. She was a dear friend.

*Love to Bob, Scott, Denise and all the family.
Myrna*

Myrna Schosser - April 10, 2012 at 02:09 PM

RF

“ *Karen's Family -- So sorry for your loss. We knew Karen and her Sister, Donna for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, please accept our sincerest sympathy, sorry we can't express our condolences in person. Ralph & Natalene (Cima) Ferrari*

Ralph & Natalene Ferrari - April 10, 2012 at 01:35 PM