



Linda M. Scheppler Smith

January 2, 1954 - March 29, 2012

Visitation for Linda M. Scheppler Smith, 58, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Cremation rites will be accorded following the celebration of the funeral Mass. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Thursday (March 29, 2012) in the emergency room at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mrs. Smith owned and operated a daycare out of her home for more than 30 years. She was born Jan. 2, 1954, in Chicago, the daughter of Louis and Alice Benoit Scheppler. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was a volunteer. She was involved in many fundraisers for animal groups and for Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, where she helped with the Thanksgiving dinners and was the top salesperson for Ceile Calendars. She held huge garage sales and was a huge animal lover. She enjoyed shopping with her kids and grandkids and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved garage sales and collected Christmas decorations. She was always more concerned with the needs of others, than those of herself.

Surviving are her husband, Edwin T. Smith, of Bourbonnais, whom she married Jan. 11, 1975, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais; one

son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Deanna Smith, of Bradley; two daughters and one son-in-law, Erica and Jason Bess, of Irwin, and Kimberly Smith, of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, Mariah, Tyler and Austin Bess, and Tristen Smith, who is due to arrive in June; one sister, Debbie Marsh, of Kankakee; and her dogs, Sophie, Bullett, Jackson and Buddy.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

APR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ To all of Linda's loved ones,
I'm sure all of you truly realize what a gem we had in Linda. I have known Linda since I began to work here at the parish 6 years ago. What a wonderful person I was privileged to have in my life. I believe God sent her to journey with me. We may forget that this is not our home. She was a living example of what Jesus has asked us to do-love God and love your neighbor and if you do that everything that you face in life will be supported by that. We shared so much in common...she was a soul partner to me. We both had a deep down love of animals, we wanted to help people in any kind of need, we liked to plan projects for the parish, we wanted to bring joy to other people. Just as you all said, she put others first, time and time again. She was caring and compassionate and everytime she would call me she always asked about how members of my family were doing after she stated, "It's the pope calling". I'll miss so much of the laughter that we shared. She was so sweet to me when I had surgery and really rallied people to bring me meals which was so thoughtful. When my daughter had blood clots in her lungs after she had the twins, once again Linda got others to bring her things and she herself even kept her eye out for outfits for the babies that she would give to my daughter. Just recently she organized the paper product collection at St. Joseph Parish because she knew that Compassionate Ministries needed them especially for the over 1000 families they serve each week. No matter what she wanted to honor the veterans by having an afternoon for them. She was passionate about assisting the Alzheimer's group and she wanted to have a huge sale to benefit them since her Mom who went to be with the Lord this past year had been going through that very illness which I know was hard on Linda and difficult for the whole family. Basically, Linda was the biggest promoter of Bishop Mac that I knew of (how did she sell all those calendars and tickets??) What a go-getter. I was so proud of her when she fought for Meadowview and she did accomplish so much with all of her phone calls. She was a person I really looked up to. She had amazing abilities when she set her mind on something. But not only others, she was totally committed to her family. She often talked about how her husband was working

so hard with overtime these days, how she was concerned about Erica getting her work hours cut back, how she was so proud of Kim who was helping her with the paper product collection and Ben who tried to get a job for an unemployed person where he worked. She always had the grandkids in mind; boy, she loved the grandkids. Always remember that you all were very special to her and she held you in her heart all the time. About a week before she died we were talking about heaven and she asked me if I thought that her beloved pets would be by her side in heaven and I told her I was sure that they would be. I believe what we love on earth will be reunited with us in heaven. She shared that she liked holy week a lot especially Holy Saturday. Every day is now a celebration of that same resurrection of her God in heaven and also her resurrection. I picture her telling God a thing or two. What a new beautiful life in the arms of Jesus for you Linda. You accomplished everything the Lord set out for you and more. We know you will remain with us always and you will see your children and grandchildren as they accomplish awesome things. Remember that we love you and hope for that day when we see you again. Until then, please ask God to help us to live our lives in such a way that you would be proud of us and that we fulfill God's plan for each one of us. Now we realize exactly how precious life is so try to see Linda in the faces of those she would have liked to help, in the animals that she felt needed her and in the faces of each other. Linda, right now we miss you so much it hurts. We know with God's grace and our faith we can make it through day by day. My prayers go out to all of the family, friends, pets

Reisha Raymond - April 02, 2012 at 01:43 PM

SP

“ Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Schepler Smith



Sherry Parks - April 02, 2012 at 12:25 PM

SP

“ Ed and family, Dave and I were saddened to hear the passing of Linda. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dave & Sherry Parks

Sherry Parks - April 02, 2012 at 12:25 PM

RM

“ To Ed and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Rolf Mantei

Rolf Mantei - April 02, 2012 at 08:39 AM

KA

“ Ed, Erica, Ben and Kimberly, Thinking of you at this time of great sorrow-May you find comfort in your memories.

Love, Katya Anderson

Katya Anderson - April 01, 2012 at 07:57 PM

CS

“ Ed and family: I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. My prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Love, Carla Scheppler



Carla Scheppler - April 01, 2012 at 05:00 PM

SB

“ Ed and family, So sorry to hear about the passing of Linda. Memories to treasure as time passes, little reminders of your loved one will touch your heart... They will always be with you, whatever you do and wherever you go. For now may caring thoughts from others help you through. You are in my prayers. Sheryl Barbosa (Bunge)

Sheryl Barbosa - April 01, 2012 at 04:30 PM

EB

“ Erica Bess sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda M. Scheppler Smith



Erica Bess - April 01, 2012 at 12:35 PM

EB

mom, you are the sunshine in my life... i miss you terribly... Love you...I hope i can live on as best of a life as you showed me to take care of everyone but yourself....I LOVE YOU MOM

Erica Bess - April 01, 2012 at 12:36 PM

LS

“ *Linda Stevenson lit a candle in memory of
Linda M. Scheppler Smith*



Linda Stevenson - March 31, 2012 at 10:20 PM