



Barbara Smith

August 24, 1947 - February 20, 2010

Barbara (Sanford) Smith, 62, of rural of Elm Creek, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 3:00 PM, Friday, February 26 at the O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney with Rev. Jack Govier officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at osafh.com. O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney and Elm Creek is in charge of arrangements. She was born August 24, 1947, the fourth child of Gerald D. and Dorothy E. (Woods) Sanford. She was born at the Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings, NE. She grew up in the village of Ayr, NE. She attended Ayr Public School K-8th grade. She attended 9-12th grade and graduated with the class of 1965 from the Blue Hill Public School. In October of 1966, she married Arthur A. Boettcher, Jr. To this union three daughters were born. Her first husband passed away in 1987. While her first husband was alive, they owned and operated Boettcher the Butcher custom locker and processing plant for 10 years. She worked a variety of jobs, convenience store clerk, fast food service, and store stocker. On August 6, 1998, she married Michael A. Smith in Sturgis, SD. The mayor of Sturgis married them in his back yard during Bike Rally Week. In January 2004, she was diagnosed with emphysema and retired from work. Mike and Barb enjoyed riding their Harley Davidson. They had many good times riding with Dave and Kay Banner. Barb loved riding her horse, Ahab. Her grandbabies were her special joy. She leaves to mourn;

husband Michael Smith of Elm Creek; daughters, Jamie A. Boettcher of Kearney, Heidi K. Whitten of Elkhorn, and Lindsey D. Garst, or she was affectionately referred to as LDB, of Kearney; step children, Michael K. Smith of Kearney, Kylie Rader of Grand Island and Tim Smith of Kearney; sons-in-law and step son-in-law, Travis Whitten of Elkhorn, Nathan Garst of Kearney, Heath Rader of Grand Island; step daughter-in-law, Casey Smith of Kearney; grandchildren, Taylor and Rylan Boettcher, Kaitlynn, Zachary and Samantha Garst, and Brenna and Logan Whitten; step grandchildren, Hunter, Kailee and Kendra Rader, Jordan, Cassy and Ayla Smith and Haydan Smith; mother, Dorothy E. Sanford of Lincoln; brother, Larry Sanford and wife Diane of Ayr; sisters, Judy Johnson of Lincoln and Glenda Ruhter of Prosser, NE; sister-in-law, Diane Sanford; brothers-in-law, Glen Johnson of Lincoln and Stan Ruhter of Prosser; father and mother-in-law, Darrell and Ruth Smith; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Gloria Smith, Randall and Carrie Smith, Mark and Ruth Smith and Vince and Sherie Smith; a host of nieces and nephews; her horse, Ahab; and her pets, Babee and Ruby. She was preceded in death by her father, maternal grandparents, paternal grandparents and her best friend, Dakota.

Tribute Wall



“ *Barbara Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We were classmates of Vince's at Ansley and are hoping he will want to touch base with us. Jeannie's Number is 308-390-8864 and Bob's is 308-440-7589. Vince, please call or text. We would love to hear from you. Again, our sympathies to your family.*

Jeannie Scott Dodd & Bob Holland - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ *Barb became a friend as well as our Sister-In-Law and we loved her very much. She enjoyed the time and the things she and Mike did together and she fit into the Smith family immediately. She was an inspiration to us. We will miss her terribly but we rejoice in knowing she is with God and in a perfect unbroken body body. We look forward to seeing her again someday in Heaven. Dan and Gloria*

Dan and Gloria - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ *Uncle Mike, I am so very sorry. I'm sending you my love and prayers.*

Denise Smith LeVay - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

VS

“ Sorry we can not be there during your loss. We send our love and prayers to Nebraska and to heaven. Barb was a very special person that will be missed by all. She is at home with God. Love you.

Vince, Sherry, Lacey, Jessica & Trina Smith - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

BD

“ Jamie, Heidi and Lindsey I am sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. We missed you when you left Davenport and I want you to know that my thoughts are with you at this difficult time

Bonnie Dumler - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

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“ Jamie, Heidi, Lindsey Love and prayers to you, your mom always had a special place in our hearts, We pray that the Lord will reach down and comfort you all. Mike, We pray that the Lord will comfort you during this time.

Uncle Al and Nonnie - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

DJ

“ Jamie, Heidi, Lindsey, We here at Davenport are sorry to hear about your mother. everyone is sayings prayers for all of you and your families. May God be with you all. Denise Hubbard. kept in touch with Heidi on facebook. Everyone from Davenport is thinking of you. Zola

Dennis & Zola Johnson - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM

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“ Thoughts and Prayers to Uncle Mike & Family. Aunt Barb will be missed much.

Cynthia (Smith) Huhman & Kids - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM