



Betty Ann Smith

September 17, 1941 - January 16, 2021

Betty Ann Smith, 79 of Gibbon lost her battle with Kidney/bone cancer and gained her angel wings Saturday, January 16, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Mike Evans officiating.

Betty Ann, the daughter of Wanda Scadden and Russell Reed was born September 17, 1941 in Iowa City, Iowa. She married David Elmer Smith on January 24, 1957 and to this union six children were blessed; Benjamin David, Clinton Eugene, Kenneth Ray, Joann Kay, AnnEtta Bell and Leon Russell.

Betty was blessed to be able to stay home with her children while they were little. Once the children reached school age, she worked outside the home. Betty worked as a welder at Zenith; cleaning homes for the elderly; at the Nebraska Turkey Growers Cooperative processing plant, but her best memories were made babysitting her grandchildren through the years.

Those among us left to cherish her memory are her husband of 64 years, David Smith of Gibbon; their children, Ben (Lisa) Smith of Shelton, Gene (Cindy) Smith of Gibbon, Kenny (Beverly) Smith of Gibbon, Joann (Bruce) Handley of Kearney, Ann (Tony) Hedrick of Gibbon, Leon (Jennifer) Smith of Gibbon; 21 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; sisters, Karen Kelly (Bill

Collins) of South Sioux City, NE, Caroline (Max) Nelson of Lake Havasu, AZ; brother, Leon (Kay) Reed of Scottsdale, AZ; brothers-in-law, Delbert (Linda) Smith of Lamoni, IA, Clinton (Irene) Smith of Kearney; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Russell Reed, Wanda and Dale Grimm; sisters, Connie Grimm, Susan Reed, Patricia Hodges, Patricia Baker, and Sharon Olson; brothers-in-law, Allen Smith and Ted Smith; sisters-in-law, Leota Cline, Erma Howell, Verna Feurt, and Marjorie Walker.

Memorials are suggested to the Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department or to Etta Smith Scholarship through Gibbon Public Schools. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Ann Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of Betty.
Bev Vacha & Brenda Williams*

Bev Vacha - January 21, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 21, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 21, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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“ Your friends at First National Bank of Omaha purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty Ann Smith.



Your friends at First National Bank of Omaha - January 20, 2021 at 10:00 PM

BV

“ Deepest sympathy to the Smith family. Knowing many of her children she must have been a fine lady. Bev Vacha

Bev Vacha - January 20, 2021 at 05:41 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.



January 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.



January 18, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 18, 2021 at 02:58 PM



Amanda Olson

“ *Amanda Olson lit a candle in memory of Betty Ann Smith*



Amanda Olson - January 18, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 18, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *My heart goes out to the Smith family*
❤️ *Ralph Smith*

Wendy Lambing - January 17, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 17, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Carolyn & Max Nelson, Joy & Wade Kisch and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



Carolyn & Max Nelson, Joy & Wade Kisch and family -
January 17, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *May your hearts be comforted by the wonderful memories you have.*



Fran Murr - January 17, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Betty Ann Smith.*



January 17, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *My parents & I spent many years coming down here to Gibbon...and this great woman would always greet u with open arms
She will be greatly missed
Thoughts & Prayers
Love 💖 ... Wendy (Jeff) Lambing*

Wendy Lambing - January 17, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *We shared many memories with our families. Betty was a quiet lady, loved by many.
Carol & Merle Lyons Phoenix, AZ.*

Carol Lyons - January 17, 2021 at 02:38 PM