



## Eileen M. Smith

April 6, 1934 - December 30, 2023

Eileen M. Smith, 89 of Kearney formerly of Elm Creek passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2024 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elm Creek. Interment will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the church with a vigil/prayer service starting at 7:00 p.m..

Memorials are suggested to the church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Eileen was born April 6, 1934 to Edward John and Ida Anna (Plischke) Buettner at her grandfather Frank Buettner's farm south of Elm Creek. She received her education in Elm Creek and earned her GED at Kearney State College. Eileen was united in marriage to Ronald E. Smith on June 25, 1955 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elm Creek.

Eileen worked various jobs throughout the years; McKee Farm Equipment, Elm Creek Theatre, Ethels' Café, Orchard & Wilhelm in Omaha where Ron and Eileen lived for two years. She sold Avon for five years, worked at the Buffalo County Highway Department and Weed District retiring from there after 22 years. She was also Administrative Assistant at Immaculate

Conception, Holy Rosary and St. John's Churches for 14 years. Eileen served as church organist for many years.

Eileen enjoyed collecting old sheet music, Barbies, dolls, angels and books and also attending children and grandchildren's events and family gatherings.

Children: Barbara McClure, Kellogg, IA; Martin (Denise) Smith, Lexington, NE; Lynda Burman, Sumner, NE; Virginia (David) Klingelhofer, Amherst, NE; Susan (Janelle) Priest, Lincoln, NE; Alan (Tonya) Smith, Eddyville, NE; Jacquelyn (Jodi) Smith, Lincoln, NE; Laura (Ben) Martin, Elm Creek, NE; 21 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Carol (Doug) Dolge of Dousman, WI, Dick (Sandy) Smith of Gothenburg, Tom (Jean) Smith of Waukesha, WI; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Smith of 67 years; brother Melvin Buettner; sister-in-law Lavonne (Northrup) Buettner; children, Marcia Hergenrader, Gloria Smith, Constance Smith, Rhonda Maas; sons-in-law, Jeff Maas, Gary Burman, Mike Blythe and two great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Immaculate Conception Cemetery

900 N Mill  
Elm Creek, NE 68836

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
314 N Church St  
Elm Creek, NE 68836  
(308) 856-4375

## Vigil / Prayer Service

JAN 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
314 N Church St  
Elm Creek, NE 68836  
(308) 856-4375

## Funeral Mass

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JAN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
314 N Church St  
Elm Creek, NE 68836  
(308) 856-4375

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *She was a delightful patient that I looked forward to seeing. A compassionate person who I really liked and will miss her.*  
*Ron Scott, M.D.*

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**Ron and Mary Scott** - January 05, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.*



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January 03, 2024 at 10:39 PM

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“ *Class of 1981 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen M. Smith.*

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**Class of 1981** - January 03, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.*



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January 03, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.*



January 03, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ *Don & Kami Price planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen M. Smith.*

**Don & Kami Price** - January 03, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *Don & Kami Price purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eileen M. Smith.*



**Don & Kami Price** - January 03, 2024 at 04:01 PM



“ *Stan, Rhonda & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen M. Smith.*

**Stan, Rhonda & Families** - January 03, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.*



January 03, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ Jennifer, Krysta & Katie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen M. Smith.

Jennifer, Krysta & Katie - January 03, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.



January 03, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.



January 02, 2024 at 09:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eileen M. Smith.



January 02, 2024 at 09:26 AM

PJ

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your mom. My heart is hurting for you all. I didn't know your mom personally. I am friends with Laura. Thru all of her pictures and post of your mom and dad I feel like I knew them both. Very special couple that was absolutely a true love story. Your mom was a beautiful lady!! Cherish your memories of her!! God be with each and everyone of you.  
With very much deepest sympathy  
Patty Johnson



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**Patty Johnson** - January 01, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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I grew up knowing the Smith household would always make me feel welcome. Eileen was one of the sweetest souls on this earth, but now she will be looking down at us as a guardian angel.

Sonya Sear

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**Sonya Sear Mellick** - January 03, 2024 at 09:31 AM