



## Marilyn M. Smyth

February 6, 1931 - January 16, 2020

Marilyn M. Smyth, 88, of Kearney, formerly of Gibbon, died Thursday, January 16, at Brookestone Gardens in Kearney.

Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday, January 20, at the Gibbon Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Peterson officiating. Burial will follow at the Gibbon Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation will be 3:00 – 5:00 PM Sunday at the Gibbon Baptist Church.

Marilyn was born February 6, 1931 in Kearney to William and Ethel (Applegate) Riley. She grew up on a farm south of Gibbon, attended District 42, and graduated from Gibbon High School in 1948. She attended Kearney State Teachers College and Phoenix College.

In 1950 she married Clyde Smyth. The couple farmed southeast of Gibbon, retiring to Gibbon in 1986. Clyde died in 2007.

Marilyn was an active member of Gibbon Baptist Church where she served as organist and pianist for over 60 years. All throughout her life she gave generously of her musical talents, playing for hundreds of weddings, funerals, and other events in the surrounding area.

She was a member of Just Another Club, Pioneer Club, and the Bits and Pieces Quilt Club. She was well known for her delicious homemade pies. She was a gifted seamstress and enjoyed sewing for herself and her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her three sons, Greg (Angela) of Shelton, Brad of Lusk, WY, and Todd (Donna) of Gonzalez, LA; daughter, Brenda (Leonard Saari) of Garnet Valley, PA; six grandchildren, Cari (Adam) Haag, and Scott

(Anna) Smyth of Shelton, Stephanie (Alex) Lindenstein and Collin Smyth of Gibbon, Andrew (Heidi) Smyth of Escondido, CA, Jessie (Chris) Evans of Potlatch, ID; eight great grandchildren; as well as a host of extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clyde; and sister, Velma Zwink.

Memorials in Marilyn's honor are kindly suggested to the Gibbon Baptist Church or the Gibbon Educational Foundation. 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.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road  
Gibbon, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Gibbon Baptist Church  
Gibbon, NE 68840

## Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gibbon Baptist Church  
Gibbon, NE 68840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marla Hartmann lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Smyth*



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**Marla Hartmann** - June 27, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Marilyn M. Smyth*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Smyth.*



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January 20, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *With loving peace, prayers and blessings, your new friends at Brookstone Marylou and Lucy*

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**lucy lautenschlager** - January 19, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Smyth.*



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January 18, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Can't tell you how many times she played at funerals and shared her talents with us all. Her heart had room for everyone, included this off brand pastor.*

*- Pastor Cathy Cole*

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**Cathy Cole** - January 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ *Dear Smyth family,  
We are sorry to hear about the passing of Aunt Marilyn. We respected and admired her and she'll be missed.  
Love,  
The Lawrence Duanne Traughber, Sr family members---  
Ruth, Duanne Jr. and Paula*

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**paula caldwell** - January 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Gina Valdez Johnikins lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Smyth*



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**Gina Valdez Johnikins** - January 17, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Smyth.*



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January 17, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ *My favorite memory of going to church in Gibbon is seeing Marilyn and Nancy up front always ready to fill our hearts with music. I can see them both playing together now in Heaven. Rest in Peace Marilyn.*

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**Hallie Hagan** - January 17, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Marilyn was a beautiful soul. She had such a sweet spirit. Her musical talent was always admired. May God wrap His arms of comfort around her family during this time of loss.*



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**Angie Reineke** - January 16, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ *Sandy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Marilyn M. Smyth*



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**Sandy Hubbard** - January 16, 2020 at 08:51 PM

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“Marilyn was one of my favorite customers at Adam's Corner Market. When she would stop at the deli, we would have long chats, she never failed to put a smile on my face and we would both share stories and a giggle or two. She was a sweetheart.

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**Pam Franks** - January 16, 2020 at 07:17 PM