



Jane A. Smith

November 15, 1935 - May 25, 2021

Jane A. Smith, age 85, of Kearney, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Brookestone Gardens in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Kearney. Pastor Clint Cozier will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Alpha Phi Foundation – Forget Me Not Grant Fund. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Ann Munro Smith passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Jane was born to George and Alta Munro on November 15, 1935 in Kearney, Nebraska. She graduated from Kearney High School and attended both the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Omaha. She married Leroy Richard Smith August 7, 1956. She was an elementary school teacher while Lee was in medical school. They moved to Kearney in the late 50's where they had two children, Stephanie and Scott. Jane was very involved in all of her children's activities and one of the "favorite mom's" for all of Stephanie's and Scott's friends.

Jane or Janie as her family and friends referred to her was very involved in community activities and leadership throughout her life. As a community leader she was very involved in Camp Fire Girls, Cub Scouts, University of

Nebraska at Kearney (Kearney State College) Panhellenic advisory board and Founding member of Delta Xi chapter of Alpha Phi, P.E.O., Kearney Community Foundation, First Presbyterian Church, Merriman Performing Arts Center, Kearney Community Theater, Mona Guild and many other community volunteer activities.

Over the years Jane has been recognized for her efforts through the following awards: Kearney State College Distinguished Service Award; Kearney State College Foundation Founders Award; University Nebraska Foundation Chancellor's Club; Kearney Area Community Foundation Celebration of Giving Philanthropist Award.

Jane is survived by her husband of 65 years Dr. LR Smith. Her children, daughter Stephanie Pronk (Nico), son Dr. Scott Smith (Lori); Grandchildren, Dr. Marc Sintek (Tara), Natalie Sintek, Jake (fiancée Mercedes), Josh and Drew Smith; Great grandchildren Caleb, Carter and Elise Sintek. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandma, great grandma and friend.

Jane was preceded in death by her brother, Bob Munro; sister, Nancy Munro Mitchum

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY **29**. 9:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Jane A. Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dear Lee, Scott and Stephanie,
I just received a note and obituary from Rosemary Thornton about dear Jane.
Jane and I have been dear friends since childhood in Kearney. We shared so many activities including Campfire, fun times at Harmon Park, class reunions and special reunions every 5 years on significant birthdays, and P.E.O.
Jane was always so giving, fun and generous in her contributions in the community.
She had dealt with severe health issues for years, but was always cheerful and non-complaining.
I will dearly miss knowing the next trip to Kearney I will not be able to see Jane., however all the wonderful memories will be with me forever.
Special Prayers and Blessings to All Jane's Family,
Susie Tatum
Santa Rosa, CA*

Susie Tatum - June 09, 2021 at 02:53 PM

JH

“ Dear Smith family...For many years, Jane and LR Smith were both very appreciated by Jerry and me (Jean). Jane for her kindness and always friendly welcoming ways. LR as our very faithful doctor. We are sorry we could not attend Jane's funeral. Please know our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you all.
Most sincerely,
Jerry & Jean Hueser

Jerry & Jean Hueser - May 29, 2021 at 07:20 PM

DW

“ Our prayers are with LR, Scott, Stephanie and the rest of her family. Jane was always kind and welcoming. She had a big personality and drew everyone in a room to her. To me she was "Scott's mom." No matter how old Scott is, she still watched over him.

Donovan Walsh - May 28, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JR

“ Heartfelt condolences to LR and your family. Such fond memories of booking your travels thru the years. Always in my heart ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



Julie clausen robertson - May 28, 2021 at 12:42 AM

RT

“ Jane was my best friend at school and through the ages as we both married and helped raise a family with our spouses. As children we had many adventures and I delighted in our friendship. I will miss her presence on this earth and regret that I didn't try to reach her lately. Forgive me, Jane and Lee. I'll always remember you, Jane! I will be in Omaha with E.J., my brother, Gary and sister-in-law Jane on May 29th, so I can't be with you. I will be spending the day remembering my husband, who passed away last year on May 30th.

Love,
Rosemary

Rosemary Thornton - May 28, 2021 at 12:11 AM