



## Kathryn E. Smith

November 29, 1937 - June 26, 2017

Kathryn "Kay" E. Smith, 79, of Kearney died Monday, June 26, 2017 at her home.

A Memorial Mass will be on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Art Faesser will celebrate and inurnment will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to the Kearney Public Schools Foundation. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Kay was born on November 29, 1937 to Ray E. and Doris E. (Wales) Lundy in Arkansas City, KS. She attended Kearney High School and graduated in 1955. Kay then attended Kearney State College for 2 years and earned an elementary teaching certificate. She served as a Teachers Aid at Northeast Elementary School for 10 years. After teaching, Kay worked at various gift shops in the area. She married James E. Smith on February 15, 1957 in Kearney, NE. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church and also attended Mass regularly at the Newman Center on the UNK Campus. Kay was also a former member of the Chapter FN of P.E.O. She enjoyed many different Bible studies over the years. Kay also enjoyed playing Bunco with the same Bunco group for over 36 years.

Surviving relatives include her husband, James E. Smith of Kearney; sons, James E. Smith, Jr. of Kearney and David Smith and wife Missy of Overton, NE; 3 grandchildren, Michelle and husband Carlos, Brian and Paige; 1 great granddaughter, Hazel Ava; sisters, Karen and Jim Larsen, Judy and Stan Bowker all of Jacksonville, FL and Susan Loggins of Seattle, WA; brother, Jim and Elizabeth Lundy of Denver, CO; Numerous other nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Kay was preceded in death by her Parents; infant brother, Ray Lundy, Jr.; brother in law, Phil Loggins

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn E. Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Smith.*



June 29, 2017 at 02:25 PM



“ *Please know I am holding you close to my heart.*

*Brenda Rainwater*

**Brenda Rainwater** - June 29, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Cousin Jim and family, we are saddened by Kay's death but she will remain in our lives through memories of good times in Kearney and her visits to California. She was a kind and loving woman, always thinking of others before herself. We hope your family will be comforted in the knowledge that she was loved by so many. Much love from Susie and David, Carolyn and Fred*

**Carolyn Meyer Poetzsch** - June 29, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Smith.*



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June 28, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ *Spelts Schultz Countertops purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn E. Smith.*



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**Spelts Schultz Countertops** - June 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Our sister loved children, her own and many others. She was patient and kind to all. She knew God would have a place for her when she needed him. I will miss her. Love, karen*

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**karen larsen** - June 28, 2017 at 08:36 AM

SJ

“ I will miss my dear friend. Once a month I had the pleasure of her company at Bonco.  
I loved when it was Kay's turn to host Bonco. Jim's and Kay's home displayed the most interesting collection of Native American artifacts. I loved hearing where each one was thoughtfully collected.  
Kay was a talented seamstress. The Bonco group was so moved when she gave each one of us a choice of one of her creations. I treasure it.  
My favorite memory is when each of us shared one night at Bonco a humorous experience. I shared that my honeymoon night was spent in a station wagon. Kay got such a kick out of what I shared that the next month at Bonco she gave me a model station wagon. She said she had a hard time finding one. I treasure it.  
Shirley Johnson

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**Shirley Johnson** - June 27, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathryn E. Smith.



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June 27, 2017 at 06:42 PM

Fran  
Murr

“ *Fran Murr lit a candle in memory of Kathryn E. Smith*



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**Fran Murr** - June 27, 2017 at 05:30 PM

Fran  
Murr

*Jim Jr, Dave, Missy and family: I am sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort during this time.*

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**Fran Murr** - June 27, 2017 at 05:32 PM

Janet  
Dier

*To Kay's Sisters, Brothers, Children, Nieces, Nephews, and Grand Children: I'm sorry for your loss. Kay loved you all and was very proud of you. She always talked so fondly of you. I know you all will miss her dearly. I pray God sends you strength, comfort, and peace in your time of sorrow.*

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**Janet Dier** - June 28, 2017 at 12:05 PM