

Mary E. Smith

January 19, 1939 - October 4, 2021

Mary E. Smith, 82, of Morton, formerly of East Peoria, passed away on Monday, October 4, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born in Peoria on January 19, 1939, to Robert and Ida (McBride) Preston. She married the love of her life, John P. Smith, on December 26, 1957, in Creve Coeur; he preceded her in death on January 5, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Darryl Vaughn) L. Smith of Morton; 2 grandchildren, Holly (Travis) Wolf of East Peoria and Mason Smith Hansen of Tucson, AZ; 2 sisters, who she was close to all her life, Bobbie (Bill) Straker of Sarasota, FL and Barb Lutton of Three Oaks, MI; and 3 great grandchildren, Kayla, Megan, and Caitlyn Wolf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Fred Clause; and her daughter, Elaine M. Engelhorn.

Mary was a graduate of EPCHS Class of 1957, then attended Bradley University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was invited to join Pi Lambda Theta and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies. She taught full-time in Creve Coeur for many years and then substitute taught for several more. Mary golfed twice a week with the Tuesday & Friday Ladies Leagues at Hillcrest Golf Course, took line dancing through the Peoria Park District, and was a member of the Mr. and Mrs. Dance Club with John. She was an avid reader and loved spending her winters in Florida.

Mary's daughters took care of her in every way. She enjoyed the company of

her friends, especially Jan, Janice, Pat & Caroline, who made a big difference in her life.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 8, 2021, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Larry Timm will officiate. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Memory Gardens in Morton.

Memorials may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

21925 Washington Road
Morton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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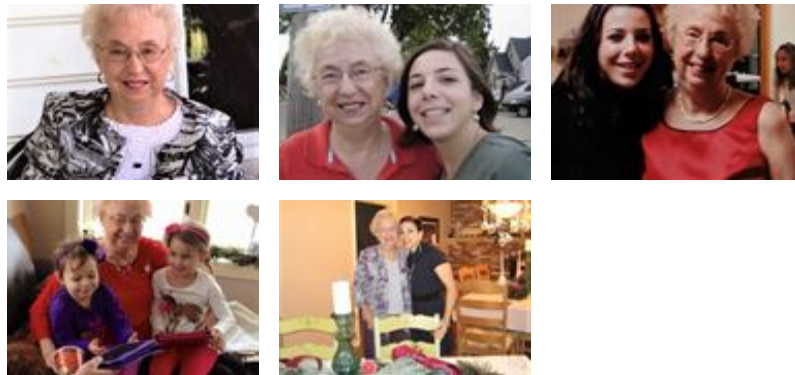


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