



Essie Beryl Smith

April 22, 1928 - February 27, 2019

Essie Beryl Smith, 90, of Canton, formerly of Havana, passed away peacefully at 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at her residence.

She was born April 22, 1928 in Havana. Essie was named for a special aunt, Essie Marie Miller Wagner. Her parents were George and Eva Jane Miller Williams of Chandlerville.

She married Cecil Smith on July 22, 1945. Cecil and Essie enjoyed a happy marriage until his death in 1988.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews including Jim Williams, Ed Madtson, Mary Jo Havens, Kathy Havens, Bill Ritchey, and Monteleee Ritchey Pietrzak, plus many great-nieces and great-nephews. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Nelson Madtson, 92, many cousins, and a large spiritual family who miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a stepson Levi Smith, four brothers: Dale, Jim, Howard, and John "Freddie" Williams, and two sisters, Fredonia Ritchey and Charlita Madtson.

She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1950 and was a member of the Canton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at the time of her death.

Mrs. Smith worked as a nurse for over 30 years. She spoke fondly of her time in nurse's training and of her years of employment at Martin Manor and Claratona nursing homes.

Essie Beryl loved all animals and birds, camping and fishing, and crochet. Most of all she liked to tell a joke and see a smile from family, friends, and

strangers alike.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 2 at Snicarte Cemetery.

Don DeFord officiated. A memorial will be held at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1566 E. Ash, Canton, Illinois, on Saturday, March 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is assisting with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Snicarte Cemetery

Bath, IL 62617

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 2 (CT)

Snicarte Cemetery
Bath, IL 62617

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 4:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehova's Witnesses
1566 E Ash
Canton, IL 61520

Tribute Wall



“ *Essie Beryl Smith*

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