



Mary Ellen Smith

April 3, 1934 - June 21, 2016

Mary Ellen Smith, 82, of Havana, passed away at 9:35 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. She was born April 3, 1934 in Kilbourne, IL to Robert and Marie (Hart) Shults. She married Richard Smith on September 1, 1954 in Canton. He preceded her in death on January 5, 1993.

Survivors include son, David (Terri) Smith of Bath, Debbie (Ed) Kitchen of Phoenix, AZ and son Doug Smith (Christine Fletcher) of Bath, seven grandchildren; Ryan (Stephanie) Smith of St. Peters, MO, Holly Smith (Jeremy Frainer) of Havana, Sarah (Patrick) Barrett of Columbus, IN, Emily Kitchen (Mark O'Dell) of Chicago, IL, Derek Smith of Bloomington, IL, Dustin Smith of Wisconsin, Devon Smith of Havana, as well as six great-grandchildren; Paige, Quinn, Emerson, Ellery, Sophia and Jaden. Also surviving are two sisters, Patsy Williams and Lavina Kruse and one brother, Mackey Shults. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters and three brothers.

She was a homemaker and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and was a wonderful cook, sharing many of her recipes with her family.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Havana.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Summer Lunch Program at the 1st United Methodist Church in Havana.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Smith*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy to all the family.*

Anita Stephans - July 07, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Your mother was a special lady! She always had a smile and always had time to visit! Our sincere sympathy for your loss.*

Darell and Rosanne

Rosanne Sarff - July 06, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Smith*



Craig Schaeffer - June 25, 2016 at 10:07 PM



“ *David,Debbie and Doug, will miss your mother like we did your dad they were very special people who were very good to us and the kids!, Brad and Shelly Wessel*

brad wessel - June 24, 2016 at 06:06 PM

JK

“Grams” was such a fun lady. Holly and I spent a lot of time with her together in our early teenage years. I will always remember her. I love the Smith family dearly and my heart goes out to you all.

JoLynn Kolves - June 24, 2016 at 02:40 PM

Lisa
Thompson

“Sorry, Doug and Christine & family! Thinking of all during this time of need



Lisa Thompson - June 24, 2016 at 01:45 PM

Thomas
Hardesty

“Tom and Diana Hadresty. We lived next door to Mary Ellen on Promenade in Havana for several years. She was a good neighbor and will be missed. So very sorry for your loss

Thomas Hardesty - June 24, 2016 at 01:44 PM

DW

“Sorry for your loss!



Dan and Chris Wilson - June 24, 2016 at 08:38 AM

MK

“ Rest in peace Marry Ellen.
We love you and miss you ♡



Margareta Kings - June 23, 2016 at 06:19 PM

LH

“ Mary Ellen and Rich were two very special people. We all have many wonderful memories of the fun times and their infectious laughter. Those special memories will help comfort their families and will always be with them. Hugs to you all!!

Linda Haegele - June 23, 2016 at 02:41 PM

BC

“ Brenda Craig lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Smith



Brenda Craig - June 22, 2016 at 06:31 PM

DB

Blessings and prayers.

Derf Bergman - June 24, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Faye Hughes - June 22, 2016 at 04:38 PM



Thank you very much, Faye

Tree-Hugging Chic - June 22, 2016 at 06:40 PM

BD

“ *So sorry for your loss. She was a classy lady for sure.*

Buddy and Betty Dyson - June 22, 2016 at 04:32 PM



Thank you very much Buddy and Betty... She is beaming at that comment :)

Tree-Hugging Chic - June 22, 2016 at 06:41 PM

JS

“ *To each and every one of you, my deepest sympathy, love and prayers. Mary Ellen was always laughing, full of fun, life and love for everyone. Loved to have her and Richard come over and help us celebrate the kids' accomplishments/celebrations because there would be lots of laughter. Liked it when they and Mom and Dad went visiting to Florida or SC because they would call telling me what they did for the day and the simplest of things was always filled with fun and laughter. Visiting her at EMS was a blessing; other than complaining about being cold occasionally, didn't hear any negativity from her, only heard about her kids, grand kids, pictures. She will be dearly missed. May good memories give you strength!*



Judy Gerdes Schafer - June 22, 2016 at 01:57 PM



Thank you very much for sharing such kind words... They sure did have a lot of fun! :) I love this picture of them!

Tree-Hugging Chic - June 22, 2016 at 03:43 PM



Love this picture too. They were celebrating with us at my house at the time. Either a graduation or a Grandma Lora celebration.

Judy Gerdes Schafer - June 22, 2016 at 04:57 PM



*“ Mom and I are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Mary Ellen dearly. Mom and I both enjoyed her so much. Thinking of you all.
Lori Wright and Catherine Lawrence*

Lori Wright - June 22, 2016 at 01:46 PM



Thank you very much, Lori! :) She greatly enjoyed you gals a great deal! Thank you for the get well wishes you sent; she enjoyed it dearly... :)

Tree-Hugging Chic - June 22, 2016 at 06:42 PM