



## Katherine "Kay" T. Smith

September 18, 1922 - September 27, 2021

ADRIAN – Katherine T. (Kay) Smith, Age 99

September 18, 1922 to September 27, 2021

Kay was born in Emigrant, Montana at Chico Hot Springs. She was raised in Glendive, MT, a railroad town where the Yellowstone River flowed at the back of their yard on its way to the Missouri River. Her parents, Dr's. James & Alice Strowd, served their community as physicians. Kay recalled fond memories of going with her father on a house call using a railroad hand car to get to the patient's home. Kay and her younger sister, Evelyn, were well cared for and pushed to excel.

During her extraordinary life she found joy in her roles as student, wife, mother, artist, hostess, traveler, neighbor, confidante, and a seeker of justice. Always an adventurous spirit, she confidently stepped out of her comfort zone to join family & friends undertaking new adventures and projects.

Kay is survived by her sister Evelyn S. Martin of Ft Collins, CO; her children: Carol (Dr. Douglas) Woodring of East Palestine, OH; Barry (Sue Webb) of Grosse Pointe, MI; John III (Jenny) of Louisville, KY; James (Sally) of Adrian; Michael (Kathy) Smith of Tigard, OR; Jo Anne (Patrick) Tierney of Mendota Heights, MN; Sally (Bob) Burns of St Clair Shores, MI; special nieces Mary Martin of Rexburg, ID; Marilyn (Dave) Norman of Cheyenne, WY, Deborah Shapiro of Middletown, CT and Diane Dickson (Michael Moore) of Ft. Wayne, IN and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren across the country. Kay loved her family and in 2005 hosted a wonderful and very large extended family reunion at the Chico Hot Springs resort where her amazing legacy began.

Cremation has taken place under the care of Wagley Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, in Adrian, on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Contributions can be made to the Presbyterian Church or the First Nations Native Arts Initiative.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Events

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**MAY**   **Celebration of Life**   11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

156 E. Maumee Street, Adrian, MI, US

# Comments

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“ My sincere condolences to the family. May God Bless each of you. What a beautiful lady.



**Judith Dennis** - May 20 at 11:14 AM

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“ I met Kay at my mother's condo (Curl Lawler). She was delightful and my mother really enjoyed Kay's company. Mom often spoke fondly of Kay. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Mom passed away Nov. 11th. I am sure the two of them had a great reunion. May God comfort your family with His presence and with sweet memories of Kay.

Darlene Duttlinger, daughter of Curl Lawler

**Darlene 'Lawler' Duttlinger** - May 04 at 02:50 AM

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“ I loved my Aunt Kay. She was perpetually smiling and upbeat. Dave and I were fortunate to be able to be with Aunt Kay and her family for her 95th birthday. It was a beautiful autumn day and Aunt Kay had always wanted to go gliding, so it was arranged. What a thrill for her and for us to witness her soaring into the sky!

Such a beautiful life lived.

Love from your niece----Marilyn Kay (Martin) Norman and Dave

**Marilyn Norman** - October 19, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ I was fortunate to have a very pretty older sister, named Katherine. She was not only pretty, but she was bright, artistic and industrious. Kay loved to ride horses. Kay looked so glamorous in her boots, saddle pants, western hat and all. She was tall and slender. Kay also looked beautiful in her high school formals.

Lovingly remembered...as written by your sister, Evelyn S. Martin

**Evelyn Martin** - October 19, 2021 at 12:20 PM

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“ I just seen Kay's obituary I'm so sad to see this I truly loved her what a sweet sweet soul. I had the pleasure of working with her at 3DPT Physical Therapy a few years ago. I always looked forward to seeing her during her therapy. Loved talking with her. She will be greatly missed. Sending my condolences to her family.

Jackie

**jackie** - October 07, 2021 at 07:39 PM

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“ I knew Kay through work...what an amazing woman. Full of life and spirit!! Enjoyed many lunches together talking about life, family, our faith and art. Kay you'll be greatly missed!

Liz

**Liz Freshcorn** - October 04, 2021 at 10:49 AM

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“ I know that Kay is resting in Peace. What a lovely person she was. I have many great memories of Kay, but my favorite was when I held an Ugly Lamp contest at the church. The object being designing some truly crazy reinvention of a lamp for fun. I remember we had many fun lamps come through the doors, but Kay's creation was from another planet. She had cut out paper figures of birds or something, and strung them in two tiers hanging around the lamp shade and added extra items to create a pretty hysterical piece of art that from a distance looked like a thing of beauty. She was a hoot with a heart of gold. We have missed her so much, in particular, with the inability to visit at nursing homes. We will miss her beautiful humor and spirit! Love you Kay

**Nancy Dermeyer** - October 02, 2021 at 03:52 PM