



Elaine Ann Smith

June 30, 1933 - December 25, 2022

.RIGA- Elaine Ann Smith, 89, passed away on December 25, 2022, at Brookdale Senior Living in Bowling Green, Ohio, surrounded by her loving husband and family. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 30, 1933 to Eligius and Goldie Anteau. After her father died from an auto accident when she was young, she and her sisters were raised by their grandparents in Blissfield, Michigan, where she graduated in the Class of 1951 from Blissfield High School. On August 30, 1952 Elaine married Willis LeRoy Smith in Jackson, MI.

A longtime member of Sylvania United Church of Christ and Central Park Congregational Church, she was able to embrace both difficulties and celebrations with dignity and joy because of her deep and abiding faith in God's Word. She was a supporter of Sylvania and Whiteford Schools choir and band programs, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and the Monroe County 4H program. She was a big fan of University of Michigan football and the Detroit Tigers. She and her husband, Willis, were owners of Central Distributors in Toledo where they often worked 7 days a week for over 40 years. Together, they traveled to all 50 states, Mexico, Canada and Austria, but mostly she loved spending time with family at their sesquicentennial farm in Whiteford Township, Michigan. There they hosted many fun family parties and it was always a gathering place for relatives, friends and strangers; who became lifelong friends.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Willis Smith, her children Janelle (Mark) Chamberlin, Wayne (Paula) Smith, Brenda (Tim) Breneman, Keith Smith, Kent (Sharon) Smith, Kirk (Nancy) Smith, Teresa (Shawn) Hudson and Laura (Ken) Kroesche; 17 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; brother, Bob Anteau; sister, Henrietta Jahns; and special cousin, Allison Ouelette. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Dorothy Miller and Bonnie Kastel.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Sylvania United Church of Christ, located at 7240 Erie St., Sylvania, OH 43560. Memorial visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 from 3-7 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you send donations to Sylvania United Church of Christ or to your local hospice organization. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)

301 S. Lane St.

Blissfield, MI 49228

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Memorial Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sylvania United Church of Christ

7240 Erie St.

Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Ann Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We will always remember her sweet smile and life. What a blessing that we were a part of her life.*
Mark and Steph Boyer

Stephanie Boyer - January 04, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Elaine, "Mom" gave us wonderful recipes for daily life and fun facts like when ordering at McDonalds, "Order the fries with no salt so you get the freshest batch and apply the salt yourself". How I will miss the conversations of fantastic food but most of all, I will miss how she taught me to be family and to love all for their contributions to our World. We are fortunate to have her as long as did, now, it's our time to reflect the lessons we've learned.*

Scott and Lee Ann Burgy - January 04, 2023 at 07:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Ann Smith.*



January 02, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elaine Ann Smith.*



January 02, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ *Our parents were fortunate to have Elaine and Willie as good friends. They travelled out West together and had a blast. Many good memories together. Elaine was a kind soul, RIP.*

Deb Russell - December 31, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *Doug & Deb Terry & Barb Glen & Becky purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elaine Ann Smith.*



Doug & Deb Terry & Barb Glen & Becky - December 30, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ *Aunt Elaine was a wonderful mother to her eight children and an awesome wife who loved Uncle Willie. I enjoyed growing up with this clan and I loved how Aunt Elaine always told interesting stories and loved hearing her laugh. Elaine was a loving person who I will miss.*

*God Bless Willie and my eight cousins
Glen Miller*

glen J Miller - December 29, 2022 at 04:27 PM

MS

“ Wayne, Paula and The Smith Family,

May your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Dave and Michelle



Michelle Smith - December 29, 2022 at 08:36 AM

DA

“ Elaine always had a smile, a hug and some positive words to pass along to whom ever she was with. She was a good friend and we could talk about anything at any time. We were in a prayer group at the Sylvania UCC church for years; in fact we were the prayer group for a lot of those years. Her faith was strong, her love of God and her family and friends, were her life. Sending prayers for the family as you prepare to move forward. Blessings. Dorothy Applegate

Dorothy Applegate - December 28, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elaine Ann Smith.



December 28, 2022 at 03:48 PM

TW

“ Elaine had figured out the Big Mac “ secret sauce,” and shared the recipe with Cheryl Crandell. We always sat near and chatted with Elaine and Willie in our corner of the sanctuary as one does. We are going out for a Big Mac lunch this Friday in her honor. Missing her already. With love, Tami Williams and family

Tami Williams - December 28, 2022 at 01:25 PM

BN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

Bridget Notzka - December 28, 2022 at 11:54 AM

FG

“ Freedom Consulting Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elaine Ann Smith.



Freedom Consulting Group - December 28, 2022 at 11:39 AM

KS

“ In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you send donations to Sylvania United Church of Christ or your local hospice organization.

Mom's faith in Christ inspired me to become closer with God.

K R Smith - December 27, 2022 at 04:31 PM