



## Ida Mae Smith

September 4, 1927 - April 18, 2018

Ida Mae Smith, 90, of Grand Island, Nebraska passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 of natural causes.

Ida Mae was born on September 4, 1927 in Shell, WY, daughter of Silas Thales and Elvena Sessions Smith. The youngest of six children, Ida Mae grew up on the family farm near Shell, then moved to Greybull during high school to participate in cheerleading and social activities. At a dance, Ida Mae met Grant Thomas Smith. They married on July 17, 1946. The couple made their homes in Laramie, Cowley, and Manderson, Wyoming, where Ida Mae devoted herself to raising their first six children. In 1959, she and Grant moved to the Denver area where their last two children were born, and where they lived until Grant's death in 2010. Ida Mae then moved to Grand Island, NE where she was lovingly cared for by her daughter, Cyndi Pyper.

A talented musician, Ida Mae taught all eight of her children to sing harmony, play piano and perform as a family. Despite the deaths of three children and suffering several strokes in her later years, Ida Mae retained a sense of humor and appreciation for life. She welcomed family and friends alike with hugs, songs, laughter, tolerance, and love. She will be missed.

Ida Mae is survived by her children, Ronn (Linda) Smith of Powell, WY, Gaye Patrick of Topeka, KS, Nick (Lynne) Smith of Highlands Ranch, CO, Cyndi (Bart) Pyper of Grand Island, NE, Tami (Bill) Meise of Arvada, CO; grandchildren, Erika Smith, Adam Smith, Jason Smith, Roslyn DeMaere, Colleen Tucker, Hannah Bohart, Jaime Eschliman, Duane Pyper, Grant Pyper, Brooke Odle, Brandon Smith, Brian Smith, and Ben Meise; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Grant; children, Lani, Jared, and Evan; and her five siblings.

Ida Mae's funeral service will be held Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the Greybull Community Hall in Greybull, Wyoming.

# Comments

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“ When I was a little girl, since my mother was a relative to Clara and Thales Smith, her brother, I spent many hours at the Smith Area in Shell, with my parents, Merrill and Daisy Tew. I thought that she was the most beautiful lady I had seen, and she was very nice to Judy and I when we would go to visit. When she married Grant, my dad, who had taught Grant in Seminary, knew she was getting a good man. I was planning on being to her services in Greyball, but my brother's missionary farewell is in Vegas on the same week-end, so I will miss seeing the family. Just know that I have fond memories of the entire family. Genielle Tew Brown

**Genielle Tew Brown** - May 11, 2018 at 03:03 AM

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“ I miss you, Grandma.

**Jaime Pyper** - April 23, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ Thinking of you at this time and sending my love. Cherish your memories. She was a beautiful lady.

**Carolyn Rasmussen** - April 24, 2018 at 09:49 AM