



Gayla Ann Smith

May 11, 1957 - November 18, 2017

Gayla Ann Smith, 60, of Grand Island died on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln with family at her side.

Gayla was born May 11, 1957, in Ord, Nebraska. She was the daughter of Gaylord and Lois (Fillinger) Hank.

Her early childhood years were spent near Scotia and she attended Scotia Elementary. The family moved to Grand Island when she was ten years old. She attended Trinity Lutheran School and graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School in 1975. She also attended and graduated from Joseph's School of Beauty in Grand Island.

Her family will never forget her loving, kind-hearted spirit. She was often described as "sweet". She loved her Lord, enjoyed gardening flowers, Nebraska football, and being with her family and children.

Those left to cherish Gayla include her closest friend and partner in life, David Smith; mother, Lois Hank; her sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Barbara Smith of Grand Island, and Quinton and Hayley Smith of Wood River; step-children, Bobby Smalley of Lincoln, Crystal (Aaron) Jones of Osceola and Jennifer Smith of Grand Island; her beloved 10 grandchildren; four sisters, Ralda, Lisa, Sonda, and Kiffani; three half-brothers, Bob, Gene, and Rodney. She was preceded in death by her father; and children, Ryan, Brock, Stephanie and Nathaniel.

Memorials are suggested to the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association), Trinity Lutheran School, or donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayla Ann Smith*

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