



Kristen Smith

June 15, 1951 - June 7, 2016

Kristen A. Smith, 64 of Grand Island died at her home on June 7, 2016. To honor Kristen's wishes cremation has been chosen. Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Messiah Lutheran Church at 2700 West A St., North Platte. Rev. Tim Eighmy will officiate.

Kristen was born on June 15, 1951 in North Platte, NE, only daughter of Stanley and Nancy Lee (Barber) Rafferty.

Growing up, Kristen attended school in California and Colorado, before settling in North Platte, where she graduated from North Platte High School in 1969. Kristen continued her education by attending Western Community College in Sidney, NE.

In 1971, she was united in marriage to Merrill William Smith; this union was blessed with two sons, Jason and Aaron.

While living in North Platte, Kristen was employed as a bank teller at First National Bank in North Platte until she began a successful career as a paralegal at law firms in both North Platte and Columbus, NE.

Kristen was always active and enjoyed playing volleyball, softball, and racquetball. She was also involved in the charitable organizations United Way and The Multiple Sclerosis Society. She was an avid reader and loved to work with kids. She enjoyed babysitting and volunteered at Golden Living Care Center while living in Grand Island. Most of all, Kristen loved her sons and adored her three grandchildren, and she cherished the time she spent with

them.

She is survived by her sons, Jason Smith of Minneapolis, MN and Aaron (Leah) Smith of San Diego, CA; brothers, Kelly (Kelly) Rafferty of St. Paul, NE, Michael (Cynthia) Rafferty of Kearney, NE, and Patrick Rafferty of Corpus Christi, TX; grandchildren, Cadence, Kai, and Carter; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Kristen was preceded in death by her parents, and her grandson Jackson. Memorials are suggested to the Central Nebraska Humane Society or National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

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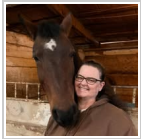
Messiah Lutheran Church
2700 West A Street
North Platte, NE 69101

Tribute Wall



“ *Kristen Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *In the 1980's I worked with Kris at the bank. She was always so full of life and energy. I remember when she had her second son, her Doctor told her she recovered physically faster than any woman he had known! That was Kris, a go getter at everything she attempted. My thoughts are with her family, she will be missed by all who have known her.*

Shelli Wingett, Papillion NE

Shelli Wingett - June 16, 2016 at 02:37 PM

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“ *I send my deepest sympathy to Kris's family. When Kris worked here at First National Bank, she and my daughter, Karla, were teammates on the volleyball and softball teams sponsored by the bank. Kris was a fine athlete and a fun person to be around. It is very sad that her family had to give her up so young. Her picture shows her to be as beautiful now as she was in her 20's. Now she rests in peace in her Heavenly home and reunited with other loved ones gone before her. With deepest thoughts and caring,*

Ramona Anderson

Ramona Anderson - June 12, 2016 at 12:13 PM

JM

“ Kristen and my family lived neighbors to us as well as her Grandparents.. We played together for many years as children. We all grew up and moved around. She always stopped to visit when we seen each other. what a wonderful friend. God Bless her family. She is in a good place free from pain and suffering. Jan Reiner {Morris}

Jan reiner morris - June 11, 2016 at 02:01 PM

CH

“ Jason & Aaron: I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was extremely proud of both of you, and loved you boys and the little ones so much. I am praying that you will find peace and comfort in the days ahead. Love always, Cindy & Spike

Cindy Haddock - June 11, 2016 at 11:59 AM

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“ Kristen and I grew close as she shopped in Walgreens in Gl. That led to a close friendship and we talked a lot about life and our families. She was a fighter who wanted to see her grand kids one more time.. We had a good time when I talked her into going to the newest Star Wars movie. And we each got buckets to commemorate the night. I wish I could have said goodbye.

Brian Newsham

Brian Newsham - June 10, 2016 at 11:17 PM

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“ Katherine Kindig-Williams purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kristen Smith.



Katherine Kindig-Williams - June 09, 2016 at 05:21 PM

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“ Kristen now rests in the hands of God. She is now free from all pain & suffering. She was one of the bravest people that i have ever known. We were like sisters. She loved her two sons, Aaron & Jason so much. Her three grandchildren were the light of her life. I am so thankful that she had a chance to visit Aaron(Leah) & her three grandchildren just a couple of weeks ago. We went to high school together in North Platte, NE, but reconnected about seven years ago via Facebook. We shared everything. I will always remember her intellect, wit, smile, braveness, her love of the Lord. She visited me twice in Las Vegas in the last few years. We loved the Tenors & saw them in concert twice at the Smith Center I want to see her, call her & see her face. That will have to wait till we meet in Heaven. I know she is so glad to see her folks & grandparents. Condolences to her sons, Aaron & Jason. They are brokenhearted. There is no loss more devastating than your mother. May God grant them peace & may they be happy that she is no longer suffering. Honor your mother by your love of each other as brothers. May God comfort you & all your family in these trying times.

Katherine Kindig-Williams - June 09, 2016 at 04:12 PM