



Monica Patricia Smith

July 31, 1933 - April 15, 2021

Monica Patricia Smith, age 87 of Fort Calhoun, NE.

Born: July 31, 1933, Panama, IA.

Died: April 15, 2021, Omaha, NE.

Monica Patricia Smith, beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away on April 15, 2021 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Edward Smith, brother Lawrence (Betty) Higgins of Omaha, daughter Nancy (Rich) Johnson of Fort Calhoun, sons James (Karen) Smith of Council Bluffs, Larry (Julie) Smith of Blair, Bob (Sharon) Smith of Blair, Mike (Joyce) Smith of Fort Calhoun, David(Annie) Smith of Kennard, 17 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, several great great grandchildren and many extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Higgins, mother Helen (Noonan) Higgins , sister Rosemary Drees and brother-in-law Dennis Drees.

After graduating from high school in Dunlap, IA in 1952, she worked at a furniture store in Dunlap Iowa. She was joined in marriage with Edward James Smith on April 28, 1956. They lived in Blair, Ne and then moved to Fort Calhoun, Ne in 1966. Monica worked as a cook at the elementary school while raising her family and was a 2nd mom to hundreds of children who came through her lunch line. Her home was always open to anyone who visited or needed a place to stay. She was a devoted catholic and member of St. John's Catholic church for many years. Monica loved spending time with

her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved camping, puzzles, bingo and playing piano. She always had a smile on her face when anybody came through the door. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law and aunt who valued family and friends above all else.

VISITATION AND ROSARY SERVICE: 5:00-7:00 pm Sunday, April 18, 2021 with Rosary Service at 7:00 pm at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church.

Social Distancing will be observed and face masks are recommended.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 10:00 am Monday, April 19, 2021 also at St. John's.

INTERMENT: Fort Calhoun Cemetery.

MEMORIALS SUGGESTED TO: St. John The Baptist Catholic Church.

Sievers-Sprick Funeral Home

Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
215 N. 13th Street
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Rosary Service

APR 18. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
215 N. 13th Street
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
215 N. 13th Street
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

Interment

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Fort Calhoun Cemetery
Fort Calhoun , NE 68023

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Monica. She will be surely missed by everyone. She always made sure you felt welcome in her home. Our thoughts are with Ed, Larry and the rest of the Family.

Duane, Mary and Chris Gage

Mary Gage - April 20, 2021 at 12:21 PM

PT

“ Pearl Thunn lit a candle in memory of Monica
Patricia Smith



Pearl Thunn - April 20, 2021 at 09:36 AM

JF

“ While our kids were in Fort Calhoun Elementary school, they loved "Monica, the lunchroom lady" and loved the food she made. Our daughter eventually got the recipe for Monica's big batch of brownies, which she always loved. Rest in peace, Monica. Janie, Andy, Amy Frahm

Janie Frahm - April 19, 2021 at 08:34 AM

SS

So sorry to hear about Monica. She was one of the sweetest people I knew. She was so pleasant and always had a wonderful smile! She will definitely be missed.

Sharon Swanson - April 19, 2021 at 12:14 PM

CH

“Monnie” was always the favorite of all of us kids. She had a soft-spoken voice, twinkle in her eye, and goodies for us when we would come to your house. She was a mother figure to lots and lots of kids over the years and whenever one of them saw her, they would call out her name—“Monnie” and it always brought a smile to her face. You all have many precious memories with her and lessons she taught you to carry with you.

Take care,
Chris Holder
Lincoln, NE

Chris Holder - April 17, 2021 at 10:29 PM

PH

“To the family of Monica, I send my sincere sympathy. I knew Monica many years ago, and she was a friendly person. Sorry to hear of her passing, she was a year older than myself. I think I waited on her at the Drive In Bank, so many years ago!!

Patricia Ruth Hunsche - April 17, 2021 at 04:25 PM

LD

“Dear Ed and all of the Dear Smith people who were fortunate enough to call Monica Mom, grandma, sister, aunt and valued friend.
I hate that because of this terrible virus junk that Lar and I won't be at the services for our dear friend. Know that we are thinking of you all and praying for 'heart healing' as quickly as possible. Monica will be remembered always as the gentle lady with the ,Great smile' for everyone who met her. Peace be with you all

Love and Blessings,
Lar and Kay Duros

Larry D Duros Kay K Duros - April 17, 2021 at 04:04 PM

FL

“ *For David, Annie, Laura and Emily with Love! purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Monica Patricia Smith.*



For David, Annie, Laura and Emily with Love! - April 17, 2021
at 02:39 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monica Patricia Smith.*



April 17, 2021 at 02:04 PM

JP

“ *Monica was truly a lovely person. My brothers and I thought of her as a third grandma. Thoughts and prayers to Ed and the rest of the Smith family, so sorry for your loss.*

Jarrod Poore - April 17, 2021 at 06:37 AM

JC

“ *Ed and family,
Thinking about you, your children and all of
your grandchildren during this difficult time.
Monica was a very loving and caring person
who I had the privilege of knowing while she
was working at the Elementary School. She greeted everyone, staff
and students with a smile that warmed your heart. This was
especially present when her grandchildren entered the kitchen area
to give Grandma a loving hug. May all of you be comforted with
beautiful memories and by following Monica’s heartfelt faith, of
listening for the voice of the Lord and taking comfort knowing He is
always with you.
With deepest sympathy,
Jo Cordes*



Jo Cordes - April 17, 2021 at 01:25 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family
of Monica Patricia Smith.*



April 16, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased
for the family of Monica Patricia Smith.*



April 16, 2021 at 03:40 PM