




VALE DONEC POSTEA INGREDIEMUR SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD


Elizabeth Anne Smith
1939-2019

La Verne Francis
1930-1991





In Loving Memory



Elizabeth Anne Smith

February 11, 1939 - April 27, 2019

<p>Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left Christ when I lie down,</p>	<p>Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.</p>
---	--

In Loving Memory - Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth Smith, 80, of Highmore, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Highmore Health in Highmore, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Elizabeth Ann Smith was born on February 11, 1939, in Omaha, Nebraska to Leo and Clara (McGee) Roche. After the passing of her mother when she was young, Elizabeth lived in Athens, Texas with Estelle and Edward Roche, traveling during the summers with their sideshow, "Congoland." The family relocated to Blunt, SD and she attended St. Liborius Catholic School in Polo, SD from third through twelfth grade, graduating in 1956. She then spent one year pursuing a secretarial course at Mount Marty College in Yankton, SD and worked in Pierre, SD.

Elizabeth was married to LaVerne Francis Smith in 1957. They began their life together farming and ranching on the Smith family farm south of Highmore, South Dakota. Elizabeth and LaVerne were blessed with a large family and lovingly raised seven daughters and two sons. They spent many happy years together and surely had many joys and adventures raising nine children on the farm.

Elizabeth was known by many as she loved meeting and making new friends with everyone she saw. She never forgot a name and it was easy for her to "connect-the-dots" between family relations throughout several counties. Elizabeth was very devoted to her Catholic Faith and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She had a loving nature and could always make you laugh with her funny Irish sayings and the mischievous twinkle in her eyes.

Among other things, Elizabeth will be remembered for singing songs and preparing meals for her large family of children, their spouses and her grandchildren. Elizabeth's true calling was caring for others. After her children were raised, she continued caring for others by dedicating herself to her work in the home health industry. She was a mother to everyone, loved children and animals and had fond memories of spending time at the beautiful orchards in Athens, TX when she was a child.

She battled cancer and other ailments later in life, but her strong-willed nature kept her going, smiling through it all. She was grateful for the tender loving care that she was given by family and friends who often visited. It was important to her to "be polite" until the very end, not wanting to leave while she had visitors. She will be remembered fondly and missed by all who knew her. May she rest now eternally in the arms of Jesus until we all meet again.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Carolyn Roche, JoAnn Johnson, and Delores Smith; her children and their spouses: Sandy (Tony) Holzemer, Terry (DeAnne) Smith, Kathy (Doyle) Heying, Deb (Jerry) Webb, Les Smith, Jodi Huwe, Pam (Curt) Merriman and Erin Smith; grandchildren and their spouses: Jason Smith, Thomas (Jackie) Smith, Bryan Smith, John (Jenny) Smith, Colene (Anthony) Evinger, Amber (Josh) Tjeerdsma, Josh Heying, Jeremy (Amy) Webb, Ryan (Jami) Webb, Rosalee Renken, Christine Moes, Alex Smith, Kennedy Smith, Jackson Smith, Jasmine Edin, Caty (Justin) Thurn, Callista Smith, Nicole Adams and Justin Merriman; great-grandchildren: Agnes Smith, Anthony Smith, Teresa Smith, Margaret Smith, LeAnne Smith, Sebastian Tjeerdsma, Isabella Tjeerdsma, Jameson Heying, Jonah Webb, Maya Webb, Carter Webb, Kaylie Peldo, Kinsey Webb, Morgan Renken, Wade Edin, Brad Edin, Annabelle Thurn and Ezio Moes.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Clara Roche, her siblings: Leo Jr., Mary, Donald, Clara and Thomas; her husband in 1991, LaVerne Smith, and her daughter, Diane Smith.

Luze Funeral Home of Highmore has been entrusted with Elizabeth's arrangements. Visit www.familyfuneralhome.net

Prayer Service:

7:00 p.m., Friday, May 3, 2019
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Rosary Leader: Terry Smith

Funeral Service:

10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4, 2019
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Highmore, South Dakota

Celebrant: Father Paul Josten

Casketbearers:

Jeremey Webb ♦ Ryan Webb
Justin Merriman ♦ Josh Heying
John Smith ♦ Bryan Smith
Thomas Smith ♦ Jason Smith ♦ Jackson Smith

Honorary Casketbearers:

Callista Smith ♦ Colene Evinger
Amber Tjeerdsma ♦ Rosalee Renken
Caty Huwe ♦ Jasmine Huwe
Christine Moes ♦ Nicole Adams
Alexandria Smith ♦ Kenedy Smith

Lector: Terry Smith

Placing of the Pall: Elizabeth's children

Organist: Katherine Porter

Music Selections:

"Christ Be Our Light"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"I Have Loved You"
"Song of Farewell"
"Be Not Afraid"

Interment:

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota