



Betty A. Smith

August 14, 1934 - April 16, 2017

Betty Arlene Smith, 82, Topeka, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 16, 2017, at the House at Midland Care, surrounded by her family.

Betty was born August 14, 1934, in Fairfax, Missouri, the daughter of Clark and Hazel (Wake) Proud. Betty graduated from Topeka High School. She worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Philip Knowland and Dr. Robert Burns. Betty was a devout member of St. Matthew Catholic Church, where she was a member of the St. Michael's Guild. She loved to cook and share her meals with everyone around her. Betty was known to feed the neighborhood, welcoming neighbors and friends into her home for a meal as if they were family. Betty's greatest joy in life was her family. She cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Everyone knew her as "Mamaw" and she was loved by all.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Laura Smith, Topeka, David Smith (Georgann); Des Moines IA, Kevin Smith, Topeka, and Lisa Smith, Topeka; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, C.F. Proud (Karen), Kerrville TX; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Erma J. Mulligan and Virginia C. Essman.

Family will greet friends from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS 66605, with parish rosary being prayed at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Inurnment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty A. Smith



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 19, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ Betty A. Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. We have fond memories from our days at SCABA
Marge and Byron Crow and family.

Marge and Byron Crow - April 20, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ The Lineback family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Betty A. Smith.



The Lineback family - April 19, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Smith.*



April 18, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Dear Smith Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. What absolutely wonderful memories I have of your mom. Lisa and I sitting in her car in the driveway pretending to smoke (bic pens) until she told us to get out. Running down to the church every time the sirens blew. She in her pink robe. The time the roads were bad and she couldn't get her car up the driveway so because she had snow tires on the back, she drove the car backwards all the way around the block and gunned it backwards up the driveway! What a gift we were given to be around her. She definitely lives on in so many of us!
Sincerely,
Julie A. Kern-Kenagy*

Julie Kenagy - April 18, 2017 at 06:55 PM



*Julie,
We had the best childhood in that driveway.
Miss you and your family
Take care*

Lisa Smith - April 19, 2017 at 06:22 PM



Does anyone know if Betty used to own a dog named Handsome? If so please email me morabs@mac.com

John Morabito - August 16, 2017 at 05:24 PM

TW

“ *To Lisa and the Smith family,
I was so sad to hear about your mother's passing. I remember how
much fun she was when she came to the boys' baseball games. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*
Tracey Wright

Tracey Wright - April 18, 2017 at 06:39 PM

AG

“ *Smith Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at
this difficult time, I am glad I had the chance
to meet her. She was fun loving lady, may all
your memories bring you comfort.*

Angie Gutierrez and Family



Angie Gutierrez - April 18, 2017 at 04:09 PM

TE

“ *My favorite memory ? Seeing Aunt Betty's beloved dog Chi Chi
laying on 'old blue', which was smoldering and about to catch on
fire. That damn dog would not let anyone near her, and refused to
move! Just growled at us all, showing her teeth the whole time. Aunt
Betty had to intervene, as that dog was loyal only to her. Crisis
averted. Hilarious ! Rest in peace, Aunt Betty. I miss you already.
Love you, your nephew Terry.*

Terry Essman - April 18, 2017 at 01:11 PM

DK

“ Denny Coellner, KDOC, Ellsworth, Kansas purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Betty A. Smith.



Denny Coellner, KDOC, Ellsworth, Kansas - April 18, 2017 at 12:39 PM

RS

“ ROGER, MARIDEE & SKIP purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Betty A. Smith.



ROGER, MARIDEE & SKIP - April 18, 2017 at 12:32 PM

RB

“ Rod and Janet Blunt purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Betty A. Smith.



Rod and Janet Blunt - April 18, 2017 at 12:14 PM

TT

“ Team Crazy Train purchased the *Basket of Memories* for the family of Betty A. Smith.



Team Crazy Train - April 18, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty A. Smith.*



April 18, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ *Singing take me out to the Ballgame with her partner in crime, my mother Davida Thompson during a little league baseball game! Both singing in Heaven. Prayers to the family.*

Jeff Thompson - April 18, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ *Lisa & Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss.
My memories of your mother are from when she worked for Dr. Burns.
She was a great story teller. Oh the stories she told about her kids while patients were in the dentist's chair...I was grateful because it allowed me to just relax and listen while getting dental work done.
She was one of the highlights when my family visited the dentist.
Take care of each other and God Bless you!*

-Shelly Bartron

Shelly Bartron - April 18, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty A. Smith.* ”



April 18, 2017 at 05:29 AM