



Elizabeth "Betty" Smith

August 21, 1927 - May 21, 2018

Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Griggs Smith, 90, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018.

Mrs. Smith was born August 21, 1927, in Topeka, the daughter of Charles and Augusta Van Spey Broeck Sieben. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1945 and Clark's School of Business and Platt Business College. She attended music classes at Washburn University and the University of Kansas. Mrs. Smith was known in music circles in Topeka and was a vocalist with the Topeka Santa Fe Band more than 25 years.

Betty was life-time member of Holy Name Catholic Church (Mater Dei Parish). Betty Ann and Keith Griggs were married on June 5, 1948; he died September 9, 1967. On May 27, 2006, Betty and Robert E. Smith were married; he died October 21, 2017.

Grateful to have shared Betty's life are her daughters, Karen Peterson, Leawood KS, Marilyn Griggs-Kozloff, Topeka, Sharon Ziegler, Wichita, Charlene Mischke and Michelle Heaton (Roger), both of Topeka; her son, Larry Griggs, Santa Barbara CA; step-sons, William Smith, Excelsior Springs MO and Kirby Smith, Columbia MO; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; two step-grandsons and one step-granddaughter. Betty was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Bob Sieben and son-in-law,

Mike Peterson.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 7:30.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mater Dei Holy Name Church. Inurnment will be private at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Care Hospice, Mater Dei Parish and the American Cancer Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 30. 5:30 PM - 5:45 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Smith



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 29, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ Elizabeth "Betty" Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ It was always a joy to see Betty, and Bob, come into Perkins. She always had a big smile for us and would genuinely care about how we were doing, even when she was probably dealing with more. There are some people that come into your life that you will never forget, and Betty will always be remembered as one of our favorite guests💕💕

Heather Malone - May 31, 2018 at 06:37 PM



That was Mom, big heart, she loved Perkins. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful memory.

Charlene Mischke - June 01, 2018 at 04:59 PM

ML

“*“Mom” will always hold a special place in my heart. She was so gracious to always fill that role when I lost both my mom and mother in law. Betty's smile was such a bright spot in the day. The family has lost a most precious woman. Thinking of you all.*

Marti Lee

Marti Lee - May 31, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“*Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Smith.*



May 29, 2018 at 06:51 PM

DD

“*My name is Dennis Duke. Betty was a big part of my life growing up. She remarried after Kieth died and I was part of that chapter in her life. Betty was so full of life and sang all the time. I will miss her bubbly personality and contagious smile. I am so glad she found peace with a loving family. She will always have a place in my heart.*



Dennis Duke - May 29, 2018 at 10:34 AM

CM

Dennis-thank you for such a wonderful memory of Mom. I hope you are well. Charlene

Charlene Mischke - June 01, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Smith.*



May 29, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Betty was like a second Mom to many of us in the Pawnee neighborhood. She was always witty and outspoken at the Christmas in July and New Year's parties. I'm sure she is enjoying a big welcome party in Heaven.*

Kathy Bermudez - May 29, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Betty was such a beautiful person. A wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and friend. She will be missed, but is being reunited with some of the best.*

Pat O'Hagan - May 29, 2018 at 12:05 AM



“ *Betty was always so fun to be with and she loved her family unconditionally. She was so proud of her family, and had every reason to be proud of each one. What a blessing to know Betty and her awesome family. Our sincere sympathy. Love and prayers, Jerry and Bonnie Haag.*

Bonnie Haag - May 27, 2018 at 08:46 PM

RH

“ *Betty and Luci--a friendship that lasted over seventy years. These two girls had the gift of gab--one would finish the other's sentence, if she let her! My dad Rennie always loved to hear these two get together--talking and talking and laughing and laughing. The memory makes me smile. I like to think Betty and Luci are together again, still talking and laughing.*

Renee Hunt - May 26, 2018 at 05:09 PM

RH

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Renee Hunt - May 26, 2018 at 04:47 PM

CM

Those two always had fun together!

Charlene Mischke - June 01, 2018 at 05:00 PM

NH

“ *Lots of fun memories at Lake Shawnee with Betty and the family. Always like a 2nd Mom to Tom. A beautiful lady inside and out.*

*Love,
Tom and Nancy Hewitt*

Nancy Hewitt - May 24, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Smith.*



May 23, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ *Thwe last time i saw Betty was 4 yrs ago at Thanksgiving @ her house. Such a wonderful woman. Glad I got to meet her. R.I.P. Betty*



Jill Williams - May 23, 2018 at 02:50 AM