



Josephene Lee Smith

April 28, 1956 - April 22, 2017

Josephene Lee Smith, 60, Silver Lake, Kansas, passed away peacefully in her home Saturday, April 22, 2017, following a seven year bout with ovarian cancer.

She was born April 28, 1956, in Woodstock, Illinois, the daughter of Larry and Wilma Rall Tiefenthaler. On June 22, 1973, Jo and Randy Eugene Smith were united in marriage, enjoying more than 43 years together. They were charter members of Lakeside Baptist Church in Silver Lake. Jo loved to work with children both in Sunday school and in the USD 372 Special Education Department.

Grateful to have shared her life are her husband, Randy Smith; children, Trisha Backman (Steve), Lance Smith (Kerri) and Caleb Smith (Bri), all of Silver Lake; eight grandchildren, Justin Backman, Dylan Backman, Isaak Smith, Victoria Smith, Cassandra Smith, Alaina Smith, Lauren Backman and London Backman; two great-grandchildren, Tyler Burge and Leilah Backman; her mother, Wilma Tiefenthaler; siblings, Peggy Peterson (Rich), Linda Wang (Dennis), Mick Tiefenthaler, Laura Blotske (Joey), Bill Tiefenthaler (Helene), Dan Tiefenthaler (Kathi) and Angie Rothe (Stuart); and many nieces and nephews. Jo was preceded in death by her father.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Kevin Brennan Family

Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Jo's funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Southern Baptist Church, 1912 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka KS 66604. Burial will follow in Silver Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Lakeside Baptist Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Silver Lake Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Southern Baptist Church
1912 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephene Lee Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My sincerest sympathies to the family. I did not know her to be anything but cheerful and uplifting whenever I was around her. I did not know anything that stopped her from doing anything she wanted to do. She was steadfast in her faith to the Lord and lived out what she believed. Randy, Trish, Lance, and Caleb I know you miss her dearly but remember she is waiting for you and your families to join her in the future. Both she and Gene are waiting for the reunion that will happen in the future. My deepest sympathies.
Barbara Hale, LaCygne, Kansas*

Barbara Hale - April 27, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *Such a wonderful lady will be missed by so many. We will miss her wonderful hugs and the way she always showed so much concern for so many. Even when her pain was so high. Blessings to the family and try to find peace knowing she is no longer in pain and is now with our savior.
Bob & Pat Cravens*

Pat Cravens - April 26, 2017 at 12:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 25, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *I will always remember Jo's smile, her kindness, and her steadfast faithfulness to God through her good times and bad. She was such an inspiration to everyone who knew her, and what a privilege it was to know her! My sympathy and blessings to the family, as we know she is with God and she will always watch over you. May God grant you peace during this sad time and may all the good memories sustain you. ~ Connie & Gaylord Kelsey*



Connie Kelsey - April 25, 2017 at 07:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 25, 2017 at 11:20 AM

KA

“ I will miss seeing Jo and her smile. She was a beautiful woman who loved those around her with her whole heart. I am sorry to hear that she lost her battle but she fought bravely. My thoughts are with your family as you all mourn the loss of this amazing woman. - Katie Kaberline

Katie - April 25, 2017 at 10:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.



April 25, 2017 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ The memories of Jo for many of us in Washburn is her deep faith and determined spirit. Watching her bake buns, pin a diaper and do chores most of us struggle doing with two arms she mastered with one. Amazing woman. But her testimony the last seven years has challenged and encouraged our hearts. Her deep faith and determination carried her through cancer and into her Saviors arms. Cancer did not win. Jo won. She leaves a legacy for all of us to follow and admire. God bless each of you and comfort you in a special way. May His presence surround you and grant you peace. Our love and prayers, Wayne and Jude Heringer, Washburn ND

Jude Heringer - April 24, 2017 at 07:22 PM

TF

“ *The Backman's, Russell's and Fox Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



The Backman's, Russell's and Fox Families - April 24, 2017 at 06:21 PM

TF

“ *The Backman's, Russell's & Fox Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



The Backman's, Russell's & Fox Families - April 24, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 24, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 24, 2017 at 12:14 PM

SF

“ *Sandy & Dan Francis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



Sandy & Dan Francis - April 24, 2017 at 12:02 PM

CT

“ *Cindy Lewis, Barb Parrigan & Jim Tiefenthaler purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



Cindy Lewis, Barb Parrigan & Jim Tiefenthaler - April 24, 2017 at 11:26 AM

LB

“ *Lance & Kerri, Steve & Trish, Caleb & Bri purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



Lance & Kerri, Steve & Trish, Caleb & Bri - April 24, 2017 at 11:05 AM

SF

“ *We were sorry, yet relieved, for Jo's passing. Such a sweet woman who fought a long hard battle. She is an influence to so many. May your memories carry you through this difficult time. Sandy & Dan Francis*

Sandy Francis - April 24, 2017 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ *Lakeside Baptist Church purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



Lakeside Baptist Church - April 24, 2017 at 10:09 AM

TF

“ *The Wang Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



The Wang Family - April 24, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 24, 2017 at 09:16 AM

LS

“ *Prayers for all of you. Jo was a wonderful person and will be missed.*

Linda Scott - April 24, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



April 24, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Jo always had a smile. You have so many memories to have in your heart. Prayers for all of you. Harry Pat and Jess*



pat - April 24, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ *The Brett Hamilton Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



The Brett Hamilton Family - April 24, 2017 at 08:19 AM



“ *Roxanna Lee purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.*



Roxanna Lee - April 23, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Josephene Lee Smith.



April 23, 2017 at 07:19 PM