



Kathy A. Smith

January 1, 1753 - February 13, 2010

Kathy Smith, age 61 of Topeka, Kansas, died on February 9, 2010 after fighting many health issues for the past year. Kathy was born on March 17th in Wichita, Kansas to John and Margie Wagner. Kathy was preceded in death by her mother and her older brother, Mike Wagner. Kathy is survived by two sons, John Smith of Frontenac, Kansas and Lee J. Smith of Scranton, Kansas; one grandson, Justin Smith of Emporia, Kansas; and two granddaughters, Sam Smith of Lawrence, Kansas and Dani Smith of Overbrook, Kansas. Kathy is also survived by her father and step-mother, John and Viola Wagner of Great Bend, Kansas; and seven siblings, Judy Thornton of Great Bend, Kansas, Pat (Galen) Stallbaumer of Topeka, Kansas, Matt Wagner of Axtell, Kansas, Mark (Alma) Wagner of Axtell, Kansas, Mary (Butch) Krouse of Bonner Springs, Kansas, Vicki Ellis of Wichita, Kansas and Rick (Khrista) Branson of Ashland, Kansas. Kathy is also survived by 21 nieces and nephews and 19 great-nieces and nephews. Kathy was a member of Sweet Adelines for many years and is survived by her “singing sisters” of the Sunflower Harmony Chorus. Kathy was also very involved with Topeka Civic Theatre for many years, many of whom are like extended family. Kathy was in charge of the kitchen for the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for many years, until she had to quit because of health problems. She also volunteered at the Topeka Public Library and Battered Women’s Program in Topeka. She also worked part time doing deliveries for “Flowers By Bill”, florist here in Topeka. Kathy’s memorial service will be at Kevin Brennan Family

Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614 on Saturday February 13th at 2:00 p.m. There will be a "Wagner Family Celebration of Life" for Kathy that same evening at the downtown Ramada Inn from 4:00 to midnight in the Jefferson Room on the lower level. (This is handicapped accessible).

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathy A. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My sister, Kathy was a very independent soul. Very giving in every way. If you ever needed help, she would do whatever she could if at all possible. I cherish every moment I got to spend with her. I am sure she is singing in heaven and will be watching over us all.*

I know she would have loved her Memorial Service and we did her 'afterglow' Irish wake in her honor just like she wanted! Love you Sis. I miss you.

Vicki Ellis - February 15, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ *I LOVE Kathy Smith. She made me smile. I'm smiling right now thinking about her. What a kind, caring friend she was. She loved singing in Sunflower Harmony. We could always count on Kathy for many things--organizing, planning and catering, to name a few. I generally stayed out of her way when she was in the kitchen. If I stayed too long, she'd put a rag in my hand and would have me cleaning something. As for singing, well, Kathy had a sweet, accurate lead voice. Wow, we are really going to miss her in Sunflower Harmony. Thank you, Kathy, for the memories and all the years of smiles you gave me. Oh, one more thing...if I needed a mint, she was sure to tell me and then take a picture of me laughing about it. What a gal!*

Susan Ives - February 14, 2010 at 10:20 PM

LS

“ To ALL who read these words, a heart felt Thank you for being a part of my moms life. I know there were more thank you cards to send out but I did not have your contact info so I thought this was a fitting place to catch all of you.

Everyone has been so thoughtful and kind with your words, actions and prayers. I know I could not have gotten through this without each and every one of you, friends, loved ones, and especially FAMILY.

Once again, Thank you for being a part of our lives.

Lee J. Smith - February 14, 2010 at 01:53 PM

PS

“ Dear Kathy,

Did you see your beautiful service we held for you? We know that you and mom and Mike were smiling down on us. And wasn't your Irish wake wonderful! We all had such a good time celebrating your life. Your singing sisters made the service absolutely beautiful! I know that you sent me the message to suggest to Susan to sing "I Believe" and will continue to send all of us little messages as time goes by. We'll remember all 3 of you at our reunions and know that you'll be watching down over us and we will hear your voices in our hearts. I am so glad that I was off work and was able to be with you thru your final days to ease your pain and care for you as you did for me so many times. I love you always! Your sister, Pat

Pat Stallbaumer - February 14, 2010 at 11:12 AM

DF

“ Lee, Was so sorry to hear about your Mom. Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and your family.

Deloras Fields - February 13, 2010 at 01:37 PM

SD

“ Kathy was such a warm, generous and giving person. She was always so very kind to me. She will be dearly missed. May you rest in peace, Kathy.

Suzi Daffron - February 12, 2010 at 08:22 AM

JM

“ Kathy loved being a Sweet Adeline and singing with the Sunflower Harmony Chorus. In fact, she treated us as extended family by mailing birthday cards, planning our parties, and taking many photographs. The chorus will miss Kathy greatly, it will not be quite the same without her. I will miss her loving heart and warm smile.

Janice Mohr - February 11, 2010 at 07:03 PM

BS

“ Kathy will be missed so much and she leaves a big whole in our hearts. She was a loving, caring and kind friend. My heart goes out to all her family.

Barb Schureman

Barb Schureman - February 11, 2010 at 06:39 PM

KS

“ My aunt Kathy was a big part of my life also. She helped me out many times in life and was there for me. I did alot things for her i also help set up risers and helped her with the Thanksgiving Community Dinner it was good fun times. I will miss you and love you always.

Your nephew,
BIG KEV

Kevin Stallbaumer - February 11, 2010 at 05:17 PM

CM

“ To such a special aunt, there just aren't enough words to describe our relationship. You were like a second mother to me and really enjoyed all of the humanities of my life with me, every single one of them. Thanks for being such a large part of my life. Love you always!

Chrisy Madden - February 11, 2010 at 05:08 PM

GG

“ Kathy gave from her heart and simply glowed because of her love of life and others. She will be missed in so many ways by so many people My thoughts are with her family, sister Adelines, theater community, and volunteer organizations.

Gwen Garrison - February 11, 2010 at 04:05 PM

JB

“ Kathy was a teacher, a giver, a caretaker, a great friend, and a story teller. Her family was a great source of strength and support over the years and she always liked to feed as many people as possible. Every birthday I received a card from Kathy, usually loaded with confetti (that was her trademark!) She was one of my Angels and always there when I needed her. Thank God for people like Kathy. I love you Aunt Kathy!

Jimmy Brough - February 11, 2010 at 01:18 PM

PH

“ I am one on Kathy's sweet adeline sisters. You can be assured she is going to be missed. I remember when Lee & Johnny set up our risers for us. That has been a long time ago. My heart goes out to the boys and her grandchildren .

Pat Hippen - February 11, 2010 at 12:25 PM

LD

“ I was so sorry to read of Kathy's death. I haven't sung with Sweet Adelines for several years, but have very fond memories of Kathy who was always willing to help out. Her positive outlook was contagious.

Loretta Dade - February 11, 2010 at 09:48 AM

JT

“ Kathy will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She worked so hard for Sunflower Harmony Chorus and many other organizations. It was a pleasure to know her.

Jody Thayer - February 11, 2010 at 08:50 AM

SR

“ Kathy had the BIGGEST heart!! I just LOVED singing in Sweet Adelines with her! As I was putting up my Christmas tree this past year, I noted that 90% of my Precious Moments ornaments had been given to me by Kathy! And I'll always think of her every St. Patty's Day on her birthday! She was the best!!! We will miss her greatly!!!

Susan Reed - February 11, 2010 at 12:57 AM