



Lenore Smith

October 10, 1923 - February 4, 2022

Lenore Adell Smith, 98, Topeka, Kansas, died Friday, February 4, 2022, at a local assisted living facility due to complications of COVID-19. Private interment for family and friends will be held at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Masks are required. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Lenore was born on October 10, 1923, in Clifton, KS. She was the daughter of Glenn and Remore Young. Lenore graduated from Clifton High School and moved to Topeka with her mother after the death of her father. She worked during World War II at the Forbes Field Supply Depot. She moved to Salt Lake City to continue working for the war effort. She then moved to Los Angeles, CA, and worked as a supervisor at Motorola. She moved back to Topeka and was employed by Kansas Power and Light (Evergy).

Lenore was married to Louis A. Smith on January 1, 1947, in Topeka, Kansas. They honeymooned in Kansas City during a major blizzard.

She then became a homemaker, as well as bookkeeper for Louis' automotive repair shop/filling station, Plaza Standard at Huntoon and Lane Street. She also helped manage their rental properties.

Lenore and Louis enjoyed RVing in the summer and fall, primarily in Kansas, Colorado, Florida and Canada. They later spent winters in Belleville, Florida.

Lenore was a member of the First United Methodist Church, her Church Circle, The Topeka Woman's Club, and Kansas Capital Quilters Guild, completing and donating several hundred quilts throughout the years. She was a patron of the arts and enjoyed performances at Topeka Civic Theatre, and regularly attended the "Thursday night" Croco Square dance. In addition to quilting, she enjoyed bird watching, was an avid reader, a loyal KU basketball fan, and she loved big band music. Lenore was an excellent cook and baker, and enjoyed hosting holidays, birthdays, family dinners and various clubs in her home.

Survivors include Lenore's children, Deb Salsbury of Berryton; Brenda Smith of Lecompton; Andrew Smith (Rick) of Gulfport, FL; Ronald Smith (Daniel) of Rancho Mirage, CA; and Brent Smith of Topeka; one grandchild, Rachel Friedl Teal (Brandon) of Berryton; three great-grandchildren, Aliah Taggart of Topeka, Nicholas and Jacob Padilla of Berryton; three step-grandchildren, Jackson, Madison and Makinley Teal of Berryton; and two great-great-grandchildren, Liam and Ryder Singer of Topeka. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Lyle and Leonard. Louis preceded her in death on August 23, 1993.

Lenore will be remembered for her graciousness, her strong faith and the kindness that she shared with all.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ *Lenore Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Andrew (and Rick) I am sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She lived a very interesting life full of family and friends which is a blessing. My sympathies on your loss.*

Vicki - March 30, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *I have sweet memories of my mom's friend and neighbor and our relationship through Naomi Ruth Circle at Church. Rest in peace, Lenore.*

Linda Weidner - February 14, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ *My Sincere condolences to Brent, Ron, Andy, Brenda and Debbie (and family). Lenore was always such a sweet lady and I will have many happy memories of her and all the time I spent over on 10th street growing up.*

Paul Reed - February 13, 2022 at 02:45 PM

BI

“ I loved my Aunt Lenore & Uncle Louie! Cherished holidays spent with them and my cousins. I told my parents, Lyle & Faye Young, that if anything happened to them, I wanted Aunt Lenore and Uncle Louie to raise my twin and me! Mom & Dad loved them. ❤️ RVing and dances were highlights after raising us. . I can just see them, all together, talking about us cousins and having an “iced tea”.

Barb Young Innes - February 11, 2022 at 06:32 PM

JS

“ Aunt Lenore was always good to me when we visited from Nebraska. I remember when Don and I worked at Huntoon and Lane Standard station when we were 11 or 12, and we would go to Lenore's for lunch-what a good cook. Our Smith families always had a good time at family reunion's in their back yard on 10th street. She had a long and good life and am sure she will be in heaven with Uncle Louis. Jerry R. and Charlotte Smith

Jerry R Smith - February 11, 2022 at 04:34 PM

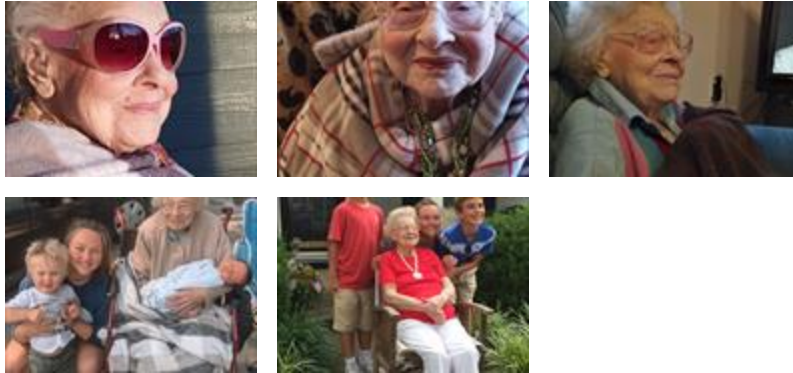
BB

“ It has been my privilege to know Lenore through Ruth Circle of First United Methodist Church. At our meetings Lenore would light the room with her beautiful smile, colorful clothes, and pleasing personality. She was kind and generous, a lovely and dear person who will be missed.
Barbara Brady

Barbara Brady - February 11, 2022 at 01:20 PM

RS

“ 34 files added to the album Lenore



Ronald L Smith - February 11, 2022 at 01:01 AM

ST

“ Aunt Lenore will always be remembered because of her beautiful sweet smiles and hugs. I will cherish my memories of growing up with Aunt Lenore and my cousins in Topeka, and of course, her rice pudding. May she rest in peace with Uncle Bud. She was a very special woman.

Love,
Sandy

Sandy Smith Theis - February 09, 2022 at 05:06 PM

RP

“ My condolences to Lenore's family. As a counselor @ Midland I spent time with Lenore and found her to be a gracious lady. She always talked about her family and the KU basketball program. Thank you for allowing me to spend time with your mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Raymond Padilla - February 09, 2022 at 09:38 AM

RP

Homestead not Midland. Sorry

Raymond Padilla - February 09, 2022 at 10:10 AM

JJ

“ *Andy, Ron, Brent, Debbie and Brenda. My deepest Sympathy in the loss of your Mother. She was the just the nicest person you could know. You had a great Mom! JIM JENKINS*

James Jenkins - February 09, 2022 at 12:05 AM

LM

“ *Deb & family I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a delightful & gracious woman. My thoughts are with you. Lisa Montgomery*

Lisa Montgomery - February 07, 2022 at 08:54 PM