



"Dee" Smith

November 28, 1937 - April 15, 2011

Dee (Dolores) Smith, age 73, of Arbor Vitae passed away at her home in the beautiful northwoods on Friday, April 15 surrounded by her loving family. Dee was born on November 28, 1937 in Freedom (Appleton), Wisconsin to Fred and Catharine (Meulemans) Schuh. She married Gerry (Gerald) Smith on August 17, 1957 and they settled in Wausau to raise their family. They retired to their beautiful cabin in the northwoods in 1991 where they enjoyed twenty wonderful years surrounded by nature, enjoying gardening, swimming, hiking, biking, canoeing and cross-country skiing. Their passion for nature also led them on many travels throughout the United States in their camper. Dee treasured the simple joys of life: nature, flowers, snowflakes, sunsets, children and time spent with family and friends.

Dee is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years Gerry, her five children – Lisa (Keith) Fenhaus of Plymouth, MN; Linda (Valen) Brost of Grass Valley, CA; Laura (Paul) Martin of Wausau; Jeff (Kris) Smith of Victoria, MN; and Greg (Teri) Smith of Madison; her siblings – Rita Tessen, Cecilia Smet, Virginia Martin, James Schuh and Theodore Schuh; her grandchildren – Bethany and Brent Fenhaus; Flene (Butler), Zarik, Jesic, Stara, Mriah and Rlija Brost; Sarah and Adam Martin; Megan and Katelyn Smith; and Sabrina, Lukas and Katy Smith, and her great-grandchildren – Hailey and Brandon Butler; Micah, Urijah, and Ezekiah Brost.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Richard and Harold Schuh, and her cherished granddaughter, Allison Smith.

Memorial service has been changed to take place at St. Mary's Church. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 29 at St. Mary's Church, 2820 County Road N, Sayner, WI 54560, 715-385-2390, from 9:30 to 11:30 am and will be followed by an indoor prayer service at 11:30 am.

Dee delighted in flowers and random acts of kindness. In her memory, she would have been honored if you would plant or give someone flowers. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, the family recommends the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge (715-486-9100).

Tribute Wall

JK

“ I write this with a heavy heart. My sympathies to Gerry and the entire Smith family. Many good memories of the family on Alta Verde in Schofield and Dee with her flower gardens.

We take the grandkids to Crystal every summer and have tried to find your place on Witch's Lake but never succeeded. When you said you were going to hide up north you did it well!

We wish we could be there to personally offer our condolences but will not be back in WI until early May.

Jim & Pat

Jim & Pat Kleisner - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JT

“ Gerry,
I am so sorry for your loss. Having just returned to Alabama from Appleton after attending the funeral of my brother, Roland Tonnell, I can relate with your sorrow. I believe I met your wonderful wife at a Class of '54 High School reunion many years ago. May God bless and keep you. I Peter 5:7.

Jerry Tonnell, AHS Class of 1954 & fellow Drum & Bugle Corps member

Jerry Tonnell - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

DL

“ Jerry, so sorry to hear about Dee. She was such a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.
Dick and Mary Lund

Dick Lund - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JD

“ My deepest sympathy to you Gerry, and the family. It was a shock to see the obituary in the paper this morning. I did not know she had been ill. She was a SUPER GREAT gal. I still have the blue flower plant she gave me a portion of way back over 20 years ago. Every year when It blossoms I remember her. There is little I can say that can convey my sympathy. God Bless all of you. Jeanette

jeanette f drumm - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

RC

“ Jerry I am so sorry to hear the news of Dee passing on. I will always have a picture of her in my mind in the Chalet at Razorback so vibrant and ready to go out XC skiing with you. Our sympathies to you and all your family.

With great sadness,
Ron Capacio

Ron Capacio - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

VE

“ Though it has been probably 30 years since our paths have crossed I wanted to express my sincere sympathy to your family. I remembered Dee fondly from the days Jeff and my son Tim played ball together. It's never easy to lose those we love.

God Bless,
Velma(Parsons)Javoroski

velma(parsons)javoroski - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

MM

“ Dear Gerry, Lisa, Linda, Laurie, Jeff, Greg and families, I just want to pass along my most sincere feelings of hope and peace to you all.

My mom and dad informed us of Dee's passing. Martha, dad, and I hope to drive up Friday. Judy might be able to make it from Ohio. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Be well. God bless, your friend, Margaret

Margaret Moquin - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

FT

“ Dee was a special lady who I remember was also lots of fun. Camping with the Smith family was always a treat. I also remember Gerry was the last friend to visit Don.

You're in my prayers.

Florence

Florence Tucker - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

PR

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Dee. I hope the family is taking comfort in knowing that today and always she is at peace, without pain and in our Saviors arms.

Jesus' peace to you all.

Peter & Karen

Peter & Karen Rubsam - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

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“ To the Smith family, I am so sorry for the loss of Dee. When we were kids in Freedom growing up on the farms we were together all the time. I remember the little store she had filled with empty boxes and cans. In the month of May we would walk to the woods and pick flowers and in Aunt Kate & Uncle Freds bedroom they always had a May alter with a statue of the blessed virgin. Then after supper we would all kneel in the living room and pray the rosary. There was not any carpet and the floors were really hard to kneel on. My sympathy to the family.

Barbara (Meulemans)Elliott - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM