



Cherry Lyn Smith

March 24, 1946 - August 2, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:
CHERRY LYN SMITH

Serving Location:
CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Cherry Lyn Smith, age 77 of Carbondale passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023 in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale with family by her side.

She was born March 24, 1946 in Holdrege, Nebraska to Earl and Zona (Bear) Kriley.

On February 8, 1964 she married Herbert Don Smith. They shared 41 years of making wonderful memories; Don, had a stroke in 1986, and Cherry took wonderful care of him, until he preceded her on July 10, 2005.

Cherry was a member of the United Food Commercial Workers International Union Local #881, Louisville, Kentucky.

She received her Associate's Degree in Business Management from College of Eastern Utah.

After her husband's death, Cherry worked part time at both Automotive Specialists, and Larry's Towing. She enjoyed gardening, and card games. As a teen, her family lived in Colorado Springs, and Cherry had her own herd of sheep. While early married life had her and Don living in Provo Utah, raising 2 daughters, taking the kids on motorcycle rides in the mountains and across county trips to visit family, when Don became ill, they moved back to family roots in Makanda and lived on the farm until his death, raising certain animals and having a pet pig. Cherry remained in the area, being very involved with her sister-in-law and niece (Donna and Ashley). She'd often spoil them with her wonderful cooking and sewing items she'd made for them. Cherry enjoyed going out west to visit her daughter and grandchildren and pampering her dogs. In spite of a 2019 diagnosis of Cancer, Cherry remained living alone, by choice, and lived the days the way she wished. She gardened, and often had tomatoes and zucchini or zucchini bread to give away to anyone that stopped by. To say that she enjoyed her independence, was an understatement. She; demanded it. She was able to live alone, up until her hospital admission, and I'm certain, that she'd be very proud of that fact.

Cherry is survived by two daughters, Sally Smith (Kyle Anderson) of AZ and Deborah (Rohm) Whitaker of Powell, WY; grandchildren, Jake; Anne; Shawn Patrick and Molly; a sister, Polly (Danny Joe) Malhman-Eastin of KS; nephew, John Malhman of KS; nephew Brian (Lori) Smith of Carterville, and a very special niece, Ashley Renee Gibson (Smith) of Makanda; brother-in-law, Bobby (Karen) Smith of The Villages of FL; sister-in-law, & closest family member Donna Smith-Throgmorton of Makanda; other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband and brothers-in-law, Lee Malhman and Danny Wayne Smith.

Funeral Services for Cherry L. Smith will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Father Robert Flannery officiating. Entombment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Visitation will be from noon until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Tribute Wall



“ *Cherry Lyn Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Cherry Lyn Smith.*



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