



Kaye Smith

December 26, 2021

Patricia "Kaye" Smith, age 85, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at her home in Pierce City, MO. She was born in Bethpage, MO on Monday, July 20, 1936; daughter of Vaughn and Christine (Brock) Kelly. Mrs. Smith graduated from Rocky Comfort High School and then attended University of Arkansas where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority before transferring to Missouri Southern State University where she obtained a bachelor's degree in Education. Katie, as J.D. always called her, married JD on June 22, 1956, in Monett, MO. He passed away on December 12, 2011. Mrs. Smith was an English teacher in Pierce City and Sarcoxie School Districts. Mrs. Smith and JD loved music and enjoyed singing together while he played the piano. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Pierce City, MO where she sang in the choir for many years. Mrs. Smith was able to perform with Al Brumley in the past.

Mrs. Smith was a doting mother. Missy was the "light of her life". She loved doing things for Missy and JD. They were her world. Mrs. Smith enjoyed entertaining others. She loved to cook, shop, plant flowers, water ski, dance with J.D. and go to the horse races in Hot Springs, AR. The family spent many years at the lake and enjoyed their cabin on Table Rock. Mrs. Smith followed and watched the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Kansas City Chiefs. She was passionate about the English language, grammar and enjoyed working crossword puzzles. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Educational Club in

Pierce City and was a founding member of the Roaring River Parks Alliance.

Surviving are the following: one daughter, Melissa (Patrick) Smith-Riddle of Pierce City, MO; one sister, Pam Franzoy of Phoenix, AZ; one brother, Terry Kelly of Phoenix, AZ, one granddaughter, Shellsea (Shaun) Finnegan of Aurora, MO and their two children, John Patrick and George Finnegan. She will be missed by many other friends.

Friends may come to visit at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO on Monday, January 3, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Graveside services and burial will be at Sparks Cemetery in Butterfield, MO on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

Sparks Cemetery

Butterfield, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
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Graveside Service

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sparks Cemetery
Butterfield, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Kaye Smith*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Kaye was one of my grandparents, Edwin and Mary Elizabeth Wilks, best friends. I have the fondest memories of her at church and all of the fun my grandparents had with her ❤️❤️ Very sorry to hear of her passing*

Molly McKinney - February 23, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Kaye Smith was my speech teacher in high school. She was so positive and encouraging. She was kind and encouraging, which helped me strive to be my best.*

I will definitely miss her, as I am sure her family and others will as well.

Blessings,

Suzan Santo

Suzan Santo - January 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Miss Kaye was our neighbor for 17 years. She was truly one of a kind. You will be missed sweet lady. Heaven is a sweeter place with you in it!!*

Penny Schnake Acheson - January 02, 2022 at 04:38 PM

LH

“ *Kaye was a senior at Rocky Comfort High School the first year I taught there
She was involved with a lot of the activities and. was a cheer leader for the basketball team.*

My sympathy goes out to her family because of her death.

*Sincere sympathy,
Lou (Clifton) Hayden*

Lou Hayden - December 31, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MS

Hello, I am Kaye's daughter! I would love to visit with you. I am Missy Smith

Melissa Smith - January 07, 2022 at 06:54 AM

MS

Hello Clifton, I am Kaye's daughter Missy Smith. I would love to visit with you?!

Melissa Smith - January 07, 2022 at 07:06 AM

KS

“ *Kaye was always one of my favorite human beings, from the time I was young.*

She was one of the best, most inspirational teachers I ever had.



Kris Stoker

Kris Stoker - December 30, 2021 at 10:21 PM

JB

“ I didn't know Kaye as much as many of you have, but going to church with her being so welcoming made me feel a part of the family. Then at the senior center when it was very interesting to listen to her conversations and actually knew her subjects extremely well. I am proud to have known her and blessings to her family.

Judy Bowman - December 28, 2021 at 06:11 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear that "Kaye" has passed. She was a distant cousin of mine, through my grandmother Carrie (Kelly) Lamberson. When Kaye was in high school at Rocky Comfort, I was going to Wheaton and saw her at church a lot. Then in 2000, we re-connected at a Kelly family reunion at Fairview. We laughed about her going to the dog races at Hot Springs, Ark., where she became friends with Bill Clinton's mother, Virginia, Kaye was a very sweet woman and I wish we had lived nearer her so we could have shared laughs together.

*Jimmy Ray Lewis
Fair Oaks, CA*

Jimmy R Lewis - December 28, 2021 at 04:04 PM

MS

Hello, I am Missy Smith, Kaye's daughter. I would love to visit with you?!

Melissa Smith - January 07, 2022 at 06:55 AM

JK

“Katie Bug was a Blessing to anyone that was in her presence❤️ I was so lucky to have JD and Kaye play a huge part of my childhood, as Miss was my dearest childhood friend and still is to this day. One alley in a small town lead to many cherished memories and later to Elizabeth Ln. You served your purpose on earth Katie, now rest in his arms😊. Baby Jill

Jill Kaiser - December 28, 2021 at 12:47 PM

SU

“My best friend and high school buddy at Rocky. We were together in everything that happened in school and activities---dates, ballgames, pep club, band, classes, you name it and we were together.

Even maid of honor at her wedding. Thanks for the memories Kaye.

Sue Shewmke Allen

sue - December 28, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MS

Hello Sue, I am Kaye's daughter Missy Smith. I would love to visit with you, and meet you!!!

Melissa Smith - January 07, 2022 at 06:59 AM

TG

“I remember babysitting for Miss when I was about 13. When Kaye and JD came home that night JD played the spoons and Kaye sang along. Kaye was one of the most compassionate and accepting people I have ever known. She was SPECIAL!!

Tami Gripka - December 28, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *She is a jewel. Always smiling..... a perma grin and bolstering laugh that filled the room. Kind, generous and as a child.... She was a second Momma. Thank you Ms Kaye for your contribution to this earthly life. You are and will always be a treasure...*



Julie Chrisco - December 27, 2021 at 08:52 PM

MC

“ *Beautiful Lady Beautiful Person with a Beautiful Family.*

Michael Cobb - December 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

JG

“ *Kaye was a dear family friend. The Smiths lived across the street from us (the Georges) for many years and we all became very close. She was not only a friend and shopping buddy, but we attended church together and she was my high school English teacher, and a fabulous one at that. Kaye will be missed so very, very much. ❤️*

Julie Garner - December 27, 2021 at 06:17 PM

TH

Kaye, was such a wonderful , Kind & Caring person who always had a Smile for Everyone. She was A Fabulous English teacher inspired & mentored to me & many others to strive High & Always do your BEST in All, but never be afraid to try & Stay as you are-Kind to All! Fond Memories & Will be missed! ❤️

Tricia(Patricia Moennig) Horn - January 21, 2022 at 01:03 PM

KN

“ *Kaye invited me to bring my adult Sunday school class to visit her church. I am so glad we did. Kaye and JD were wonderful friends.* ”



Kristin Nama - December 27, 2021 at 05:09 PM