



Darlene "Dolly" Smith

October 17, 1925 - February 22, 2019

Darlene "Dolly" Smith, 93, of Batesville, Arkansas died Friday, February 22, 2019.

She was born Saturday, October 17, 1925 in Maytown, Illinois to Arthur J. and Ella (Clopine) Kessel.

Darlene loved to cook and bake so much that she published her own cook book filled with family recipes, many of which she would make for friends and family during the holidays. She was always a good mother who loved her family dearly and spent much time with her granddaughter who gave Dolly the nickname Gacky. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, the Foxy Ladies of the White River, and was a very social person who enjoyed hosting parties, entertaining, and dancing.

She is survived by two daughters, Janet Smith (Doug Lee) of Batesville, Pamela Milton (William) of Richmond, Texas; one sister-in-law, Kathy Kessel of Amboy, Illinois; one grandchild, Caroline Rose Milton of Auburn, Alabama, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth Smith; one son, Mark Smith; two brothers, Donald and Emil Kessel, and one sister, Henrietta Friel.

Pallbearers will be Jake Dauck, Dave Delhotal, Brad Kessel, Dennis Kessel, Don Noble, and John Schamberger.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to friends, Mitzi Hargan, Sarah Sexton, Zona Yancey, and the caretakers at Woodlawn Nursing Home.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy with Pastor Barb Otton officiating. Burial will take place at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy, Illinois.

Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Independence County Humane Society at 5 Environmental Dr. Batesville, Ar. 72501 or the Church of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Repose Cemetery

990 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
960 US Rte 52
Amboy, IL 61310

Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene "Dolly" Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Darlene "Dolly" Smith*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Darlene "Dolly" Smith*



marilyn braida - March 01, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Pam & Jan, my thoughts are with you for the passing of your mother. I know that you carry many wonderful memories of her in your hearts.*

Amy Palmer - February 28, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *My sympathy to Dolly's entire family!*



Carol Biester - February 26, 2019 at 05:01 PM