



Kathleen Rae Smith

September 13, 1955 - December 28, 2017

Kathleen Rae Smith, 62, of Draper, Utah, passed away on Dec. 28, 2017, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on Sept. 13, 1955, in San Diego, California to John Whitlock and Norma Squires. In 1973, Smith graduated from Leland High School in San Jose, California. She attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and majored in vocal performance. On Dec. 21, 1974, she married Jeffrey Albert Smith in the LDS Provo Temple.

As a young military wife, Smith lived in many places and raised her family along the way. After settling in Mansfield, Texas, she went back to school and earned her nursing degree. In her 20+ year career, she enjoyed working as a school nurse the most as she loved children and was considered a grown up kid herself. Blessed with a beautiful soprano voice, Smith also lent her talents to several prestigious choirs and musical theatre productions. Born the same year Disneyland opened, she often visited this magical place and even listed "Disneyland Tour Guide" as a special skill on her resume.

Smith is preceded in death by her parents, including her step-father Robert H. Smith. She is survived by her daughters Pamela Kelly Smith, Holly Smith Hendrix and Lauren Ruth Smith; granddaughter Helena Grace Hendrix; and sisters Cathy Rader and Jennifer Scott. A constant source of light and love, Smith leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, music and a touch of pixie dust.

Funeral services for Smith will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 6, 2018 at The Church of Latter-day Saints, located at 552 E. 11400 S. Draper, UT 84020. Viewings will be held at the same location from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 6, 2018 and from 5-7 p.m. on Jan. 5, 2018.

The family would like to thank all those who have tirelessly supported Smith in her cancer battle over the last two and a half years. Special thanks go to the team of doctors, nurses and caregivers at Texas Oncology, Utah Cancer Specialists, Mayo Clinic of Phoenix and Intermountain Homecare and Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Children's Cancer Research Fund, www.childrenscancer.org. Share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Eastridge 1st Ward
552 E 11400 S
Draper, UT

Viewing

JAN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Eastridge 1st Ward
552 E 11400 S
Draper, UT

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Eastridge 1st Ward
552 E 11400 S
Draper, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Rae Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Laurie, et al.*
Sorry I didn't know until today.
God bless!
Dave Duerden

Dave Duerden - February 02, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ *Dear Laurie and Family,*

Please accept my sincerest condolences in the loss of Kathy. We only met a couple of times, but I remember her smile and gratitude.

Sincerely,
Angela Mayo, PA

Angela Mayo - January 10, 2018 at 03:01 PM

DF

“ Dear Laurie and Family,

We are all saddened by the loss of Kathleen. It was an honor and a pleasure to be part of her team. Even in the worst days, she always had a smile to share or a warm comment to make. Know that we will continue our search for better treatments for this terrible disease.

*Sincerely,
Rafael Fonseca, MA*

Dr. Rafael Fonseca - January 10, 2018 at 02:58 PM

MG

“ Dear Laurie and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Mom was so sweet and I'm sure is watching over you with love.

*Sincerely,
Melody Griffith
Medical Social Worker, Mayo Clinic*

Melody Griffith - January 09, 2018 at 03:12 PM

KI

“ Dear Laurie and Family,

I'm so sorry to learn about Kathy's passing. She was such a beautiful, kind and grateful woman; a joy to see each week in clinic. She will be missed. It was an honor to participate in her care here at Mayo Clinic. Please accept my sincere condolences to you and all who knew her.

*Sincerely,
Kimberly*

Kimberly Iverson - January 09, 2018 at 03:11 PM

LG

“ *I met Kathy at BYU. We became Angel Flight sisters. She was always a shining example of goodness and love. It was nice to both end up in the Arlington TX stake and to catch up occasionally. A wonderful mother who loved and lived for her girls. Continue to live in here honor. Grateful to have been touched by her vibrant spirit.*

*Love,
Linda Grimmert
Arlington TX*

Linda Grimmert - January 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

PK

“ I knew your precious mother when she worked at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas. She was always a light to those around her and a positive force. This picture speaks volumes and this was her smile everyday. What a wonderful legacy she has left to all of you. We have all been blessed by her presence in our life.

Love,
Patty Kirk, Cooper Clinic
Dallas, Texas

Patty Kirk - January 04, 2018 at 02:35 PM

SR

“ Kathy, you will be missed! We met you for the very first time at Hollys wedding and we loved you from the get go. It was obvious for us to see that you ALWAYS put other people first. On another note, you did a GREAT job raising Holly, Kelly and Laurie. That said, you will all rejoice one day in heaven!

Steve and Vickie Raby

Steve Raby - January 03, 2018 at 07:38 PM

LI

“ PK I will forever be grateful for the gospel and especially visiting teaching since that is what brought us together and allowed me to meet you and come to know your precious Mom and family. I know you will all miss having her here physically but never forget her presence, she will be with you always. You were each taught amazing skills by her and they way you live your life will be the greatest tribute to her. Love you all,
Liz Lines

Liz - January 03, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JJ

“ *Jenny Jensen lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Rae Smith*



Jenny Jensen - January 03, 2018 at 09:08 AM

JS

“ *Jenny Scott lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Rae Smith*



jenny Scott - January 03, 2018 at 04:18 AM



“ *Laurie Smith lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Rae Smith*



Laurie Smith - January 03, 2018 at 03:56 AM

CG

I met Kathy when we both live on Country Club Ct In Mansfield Tx. She recommended me for a job at Agape clinic in Arlington, Tx. She was such a warm and caring person. I miss her friendship. Caroline Grayson RN

Caroline Grayson - July 26, 2024 at 02:59 PM