



Paula Joyce Smart

March 16, 1941 - August 6, 2023

Paula “Joyce” Smart, 82, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 6, 2023. She was born March 16, 1941, in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of Opal Chelf and Henry Laswell. She married Edmund Smart on May 7, 1960, in Mt. Vernon, and he preceded her in death. She was partner in several businesses with her husband for over 50 years. She was of Baptist faith, and attended New Hope “Webb” Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, David Smart and wife Denise of Woodlawn; daughter, Jane Callahan and special friend Tim Crawford of Dix; grandsons, Jeremy Callahan of Dix, Jacob Smart of Kell, Tyler Smart and wife Madison, and Daniel Smart and partner Kayte Branch; great-grandchildren, Natilie Callahan of Dix, Samuel Smart and Mavis Smart of Woodlawn, and Kintley Smart of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to her husband, Ed Smart, she was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Jo Ann Coffey and Sue Bennett; and brother, Henry Laswell, Jr..

In accordance with her wishes, cremation rites for Mrs. Smart have been accorded and a graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, in Woodlawn. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Odd Fellows Cemetery

6600 E Butternut Road
Woodlawn, IL 62898

Previous Events

Graveside Funeral Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Odd Fellows Cemetery
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Woodlawn, IL 62898

Tribute Wall

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“ *Im so sorry for your loss .You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Randolph*

Kathy Randolph - August 18, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Paula Joyce Smart.*

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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Paula Joyce Smart.*



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“ *This sweet soul was so kind to me while I was growing up. She knew I had a difficult life and grew up poor as dirt, but that didn't matter to her. I was close to Jane and Dave and spent many days and nights hanging with the Smart family. Joyce was kind, funny and at times fiery. Just a wonderful lady. My heart is with you, Jane and Dave, and all your family at this sorrowful time.*

Debbie Ilbery-Russo - August 16, 2023 at 05:47 AM