



Arleen G. Smith

August 9, 1925 - November 10, 2020

Arleen G. Smith, 95 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Arleen was born on August 9, 1925 in Wells County to Howard D. and Masyll R. (Houtz) Gilbert. She was a graduate of Rockcreek High School in 1943. Arleen married Jack W. Smith on January 12, 1947 in Uniondale. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2003.

Arleen worked at the Old First National Bank in Bluffton working in the Trust Department for 30 years, and a Teller for 25 years. Arleen was a member of the Liberty Center Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women's Group. She had served as the church organist since 1947. Arleen also volunteered with the Wells Community Auxiliary at the reception desk and at the Bargain Hut. She was also a member of the P.B.S. Club.

Arleen is survived by her children; Judy A. (Roger) Lothamer of Markle, IN, Jon W. (Brenda) Smith of Monroe, IN, and Jeff H. (Kay) Smith of New Haven, IN, along with five grandchildren, Matthew (Anne) Lothamer of Newburgh, IN, Jason Lothamer of Westfield, IN, Jenny (Chris) Withem of Morristown, TN, Brooke (Greg) Groombridge of Fort Wayne, and Andy (Stacey) Smith of Berne, IN along with eight great-grandchildren.

Arleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister J.

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A Private Celebration of Arleen's life will be held at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials in Arleen's memory may be made to the Liberty Center United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Smith family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Arleen G. Smith*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Worked with Arleen at Bargan Hut in Bluffton, She was supper lady.
Barb Bowman*

Barb Bowman - November 27, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *Doug Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Arleen
G. Smith*



Doug Sawyer - November 17, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Arleen's passing. What a sweet lady. Remember
her from Old First National Bank. She was always so pleasant when
I would do banking for myself and as part of my job. Even when I
was not banking there any longer, she always spoke when we saw
each other around Bluffton. She was special and touched a lot of
lives. She will be remembered and May God bless the family with
special memories to bring comfort and peace in the days ahead.
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - November 16, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SK

“ Many, many, many fond memories of Arleen. Very nice lady!!! When we were kids I remember going to their house on Sunday afternoons. They parents would do grown up stuff and us kids would play. Years later I remember Arleen bowling for the bank and Jack bowling for Mounsey Trucking. After Jack passed I still saw Arleen around and she never changed. Still a very pleasant woman to talk to. Good Friends.

Steve Kunkel - November 16, 2020 at 08:28 AM

BG

“ So sorry to read of Arleen's passing. She was a lot of fun to work with at the Bargain Hut and we talked several times on the phone. Always looked so neat! Blessings to the family. BJ Gray



Bj Gray - November 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

VJ

“ So sorry to hear of Arleen's passing. Such a nice lady. She volunteered with Mom (Doris Ann Wilson) at the Bargain Hut. Mom considered her a very special friend. When Mom was hospitalized, I always knew Arleen would be one of her visitors. Always thinking of others. Sympathy to her family. Wishing you God's peace and comfort in the days ahead. Valerie Wilson Jackson

Valerie Jackson - November 13, 2020 at 11:16 PM

DO

“ Remember Arlene from Old First! Sorry to hear of her passing!

Dan Oswalt - November 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DB

“ I worked with Arleen at Old First Bank my whole career there. My teller window was next to hers for a while. She loved her customers and they all loved her. Arleen and I took a psychology class through the bank and got to know each other well with our discussions on the way home from Fort Wayne. She was a trooper and fought to stay independent as long as she could! I am blessed to have known Arleen and to consider her a old friend and co-worker. Blessings and sympathy to her family.

Dennis Bowman - November 13, 2020 at 07:38 PM

LH

“ Laurar Henkle lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Smith



Laurar Henkle - November 13, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry for your loss.. Arleen was an amazing lady. I use to bowl with her back in the days. She was so much fun to be around. I use to see her at the beauty shop when I took mom. She was so full of life.. She will be missed by so many. Fly High with the Angel's Arleen. RIP.



Sandra Davis - November 13, 2020 at 08:37 AM

DJ

“ So many memories of Arleen! I learned so much about music from her when she directed our church choir and played accompaniment for our ladies' sextet. We shared a love for serving within our church and United Methodist Women. I remember her saying many times, "You have to do what you have to do when you have to do it." She was one of the blocks in the foundation of my faith. Now she is worshipping with the heavenly choir; I'm sure she will help keep those singers on key!

Debby Johnson - November 13, 2020 at 08:15 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Aunt Arleen. I miss our Christmas get together we used to have. Please know we are thinking of everyone during this time. Doug and Cindy Moser

Doug and Cindy Moser - November 12, 2020 at 08:19 PM

SP

“ Judy, Jon & Jeff:
You have my sympathy on the loss of your Mother. What a Great Lady.
Thinking of you all at this time.
Susan Poulson

Susan Poulson - November 12, 2020 at 03:39 PM

PP

“ Peggy Paxson lit a candle in memory of Arleen G. Smith



Peggy Paxson - November 12, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Dear Sweet Arleen

I will miss our heart to heart conversations and your never ending support and wisdom you always shared with me. Most of all I will miss our friendship. You were such a blessing in my life and I'm thankful God put you in my life. I will never forget you!

Ashley McAfee - November 11, 2020 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ *I really liked Arleen. Knew her from Liberty Center activities, etc. Neat lady, I'm sure she will be missed! Blessings to you all.*

Diana Sell - November 11, 2020 at 06:04 PM

AP

“ *I do not even know where to begin except my heart is so sad with her passing! So many funny memories with her I could tell stories for days. I am so honored to have taken care of her for several years but also at the end of her life. There will be a hole at Christian care without her there on that bike but I know she is watching over us! God Bless the family and Arleen you are missed!*

Autumn Parker - November 11, 2020 at 05:18 PM

CM

So sorry to hear about Arleen's passing. I always enjoyed working with her at the bank. She enjoyed watching my twin grandson's through pictures posted on FB. She always posted such sweet comments about those two ornery boys! I will miss her adding to their stories. Love Connie

Connie Mounsey - November 12, 2020 at 11:07 PM

EN

I'm sorry to hear about Arleen's passing. I have many great memories of her when I was growing up at Liberty Center Methodist Church. She had a beautiful voice and played the piano and organ. Eleanor Lee Nussbaum

Eleanor Lee Nussbaum - November 13, 2020 at 01:29 PM

CK

I am a nurse at Christian Care Nursing home- I took care of Arleen for many months- I loved and enjoyed her dearly- she always looked so "spiffy" and had beautiful hair- until she started not feeling well she read a lot- was even on her tablet often and almost always had the Hallmark station on her TV. I will really miss her and offer my condolences at her passing. Carol Klopfenstein

Carol J Klopfenstein - November 14, 2020 at 01:22 AM

CY

Judy Jon Jeff. My sympathy to you . Our mothers were in the same PBS Club.. always keeping us kids in prayer and of course seeing her on the street or at the Clinic reception desk., she always acknowledged me.. ..We are like family,, kind of spread out , we haven't seen each other for many years...God Bless you all, hold to those sweet memories...

cynthia(walburn)Hickey - November 16, 2020 at 02:42 PM