



Elise R. Smith

December 5, 1946 - May 31, 2021

Elise R. Smith 74, of Bluffton passed away Monday evening May 31, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Elise was born December 5, 1946 in Bluffton to Richard L. and Margaret H. (Burkhead) Maddock. Elise was a 1964 graduate of Warren High School. She started as a Licensed Practical Nurse with Caylor Nickel Clinic in 1968 and had various medical positions until retiring in 2012 from Markle Medical Center. She was a lifelong member of Boehmer Methodist Church in Liberty Center holding many different positions within the church. Elise was an avid NASCAR and Indianapolis 500 fan. She was an exceptional cook. Elise enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren along with traveling with her husband.

On December 27, 1969 in Liberty Center, Elise married Jon C. Smith, they have shared 51 years of marriage.

Survivors include her husband Jon C. Smith of Bluffton, daughter Christina L. Byanski (Kurt) of Anderson, IN, Jon C. Smith Jr. (Lisa) of Columbia City, IN, three grandchildren, Logan Smith of Wentzville, MO, Isabella Byanski of Anderson, and Layla Smith of Columbia City, a sister Michele Stafford (Terry) of Warren along with four nieces.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother Kent Maddock.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 P.M. on Friday June 4, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 on Saturday June 5, 2021 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Barry Humble officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to The Boehmer Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elise R. Smith*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 04, 2021 at 04:37 PM

MM

Childhood family links are dwindling! Though it's been years since I saw Elise since moving from Indiana, we shared Burkhead gatherings way back! What a beloved grandma we see here. Our hearts hurt with you!

Marilyn Gaiser Miller - June 05, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Elise R. Smith*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

JD

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this painful time of loss. May God bless you with wonderful memories of your wife and mother to live in your heart forever.*

Jerry&Cindy Dillon - June 06, 2021 at 11:43 PM

GB

“ I am so incredibly sorry to hear of Elise's passing. What a very special lady she was. I have looked forward to seeing her and Jon in FL for so many years and through her sharing wonderful stories of family I feel like I have known them all. You didn't have to ever ask Elise about her grandchildren, she was always so excited to tell us of their latest adventures. And the handbags...I could never wait to see what Vera Bradley she would be carrying this year...You will be missed more than you could ever imagine Elise. Unable to be there with you all today, Diane, Ginny, and I had our own facetime tribute to you today. You have scarcely left our minds these past days. May God have you wrapped in his arms and may Jon be finding comfort in the arms of loved ones. Remember your friends are here whenever you are ready to connect.
Gail Boyce



Gail A. Boyce - June 05, 2021 at 09:26 PM

BW

“ what a lovely person. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I really enjoyed the time i have spent talking to you. God bless you and give you peace Jon.



brenda graves (wiles)

brenda d wiles - June 05, 2021 at 12:54 PM

GC

“ Sorry to hear of Elise's passing Jon. Love and prayers to the family.

Gary L. Cottingham

gary l cottingham - June 05, 2021 at 04:35 AM

VM

“ Jon, we're so sorry for your loss. You and Elise shared many wonderful times with family and traveling. Keep the memories alive by sharing the stories with your kids and grandkids often. She will be missed by the class of '64.

Vicki Boxell Morreale and Pete Morreale

Vicki and Pete Morreale - June 04, 2021 at 09:53 AM

TJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Elise was so kind and generous. She will be missed.

Tom Jackson - June 03, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elise R. Smith.



June 03, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elise R. Smith.



June 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM



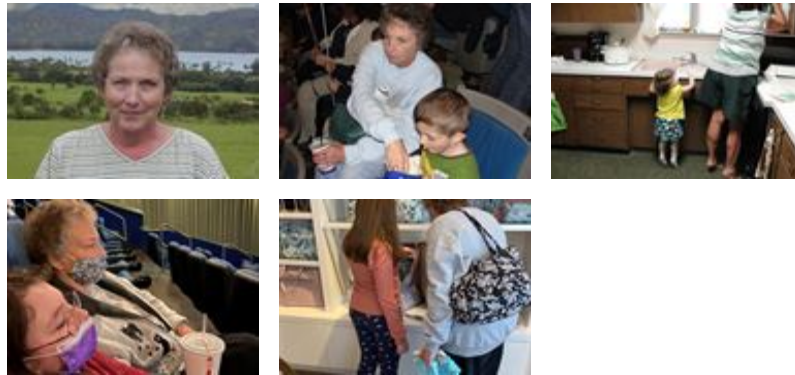
“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Elise R. Smith.*



June 03, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - June 03, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. 🙏*

*Tiffany Gephart - KD9TLG
Ollie Gephart - KD9OKV*



Tiffany Gephart - June 03, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elise R. Smith.*



June 02, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn about your mother's passing, Tina. She was an inspiring supporter of Bluffton's swim program. She will forever be part of my Bluffton coaching experience. Marcia joins me in sending you and all your family our sympathy and prayers. Peter*

Peter Schmeckeber - June 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Elise was a great person. Mark and I liked to talk Nascar with her and Jon. She will be missed dearly. Glad our family had the opportunity to know such a devoted lady.*



Jean Lefebvre - June 02, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Pam Manning lit a candle in memory of Elise R. Smith*



Pam Manning - June 02, 2021 at 08:25 AM

SD

“ *Jon I am so sorry to hear of Elise passing.
Thoughts & Prayers for your family.*

Sandra Davis - June 01, 2021 at 07:10 PM