



Norma F. Smith

March 31, 1922 - March 4, 2023

Norma F. Smith, 100 of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday morning, March 4, 2023, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Norma was born on March 31, 1922 in Bluffton to Raymond A. & Lela M. (Miller) Haflich. She graduated from Bluffton High school with the class of 1940. She was a business manager for Caylor-Nickel Clinic for 25 years, retiring in 1986. Norma was the secretary for her husband, Jim's electrical business, Smith Electric. After retirement, Norma and Jim wintered in Bradenton, Florida for many years. She was a member of the American Legion Post #111 Auxiliary of Bluffton. She was a Past-President and oldest member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, a cub scout leader and was active in the PTA, and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale.

On June 29, 1944 in Indianapolis, Norma and James "Jim" E. Smith, Jr. were married. They celebrated 72 years of marriage together until his passing on March 11, 2016.

Survivors include their two sons; Larry J. (Madge) Smith, D.V.M. of Berne and Ted K. (Susan) Smith of Bluffton, six grandchildren: Jenny (Bill) McIntire of Berne, Emilee (Elmer) Schwartz of Spencerville, OH, Theresa Shuck of Geneva, Valerie Smith of Berne, Rachel (Nate) Cosner of Indianapolis and Phillip J. Smith of Bluffton, along with 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by four special nieces: Diana (Ned) Shappley of Lexington, Linda (Jim) Fritz of Bluffton, JoAnne (Ron) Bowman of Bluffton and Sylvia (Richard Wenz) Solomon of Wilmington, NC.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jim, a twin sister Dorma M. Johnson and two great-grandchildren, Brayden James Schwartz and Clayton Shuck.

A service to celebrate Norma's life will be held at 11 A.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Uniondale with Rev. Jarrod Ball officiating. Calling will take place on Thursday, March 9 from 9 A. M. to 11 A.M, prior to the service at the church.

Private burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and online condolences with 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

MAR 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
5912 Sugar Street
Bluffton, IN 46791

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
5912 Sugar Street
Uniondale, IN 46791

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ To Larry and Ted and your families,
I always enjoyed your mother and really got to know her while I took care of Dorma at Christian Care. She was always so kind and pleasant and appreciative of anything I did for her.
I felt blessed and honored to be able to take care of Norma, Dorma and all the rest of you family members you entrusted us to care care for the past 30 plus years. You were all a great family to work worth. Thank You once again for all the support and the great care you gave your mother . Your whole extended family were wonderful.
Diane Johnson, RN
Christian Care

Diane Johnson - March 09, 2023 at 02:04 PM

BG

“ Ted and Family,
So sorry to read of your Mother passing. We were in Sorority together but I never knew that she was your Mom. Thoughts are with you and all of her family. BJ Gray



BJ Gray - March 09, 2023 at 12:13 PM

GH

“ My sympathies to Norma's family. I belonged to Sigma Phi Gamma for several years. Norma was a special lady and she will always hold a special place in my heart! May God comfort you with special memories to bring you peace and comfort!!
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly

Glennis Henly - March 08, 2023 at 07:11 PM

CH

“ Dear family,
What a wonderful Christian lady who taught her family well. I have so many fond memories of her at St Mark! Jim was such a hard worker and maintained the church so well during his years as the building director. She always sat with her twin. Lovely, lovely ladies. God bless your family as you mourn the loss of your "Norma".
Love,
Dan, Christine Hunt and family



Christine and Dan Hunt - March 08, 2023 at 05:35 PM

JM

“ Thankful to Norma and Sister Dorma to have a special place in my moms heart as she was growing up. She called them both special cousins .As her daughter I also am honored to have gotten to meet with Norma in her later years and reminisce about her cousin, my mom. Love and prayers to the family of Norma Smith.

Judy Martin - March 08, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Norma F. Smith.



March 08, 2023 at 12:06 PM

RM

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers for your family's.*



Rose Marshall - March 07, 2023 at 01:03 PM

TM

“ *Trudy Murray lit a candle in memory of Norma Smith*



Trudy Murray - March 06, 2023 at 09:23 PM