



Kathleen Louise Smith

October 7, 1959 - July 2, 2021

Kathleen Louise Smith, 61, of Salisbury, passed away July 2, 2021 at Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital from complications following heart surgery.

Born October 7, 1959 in Rowan County she was the daughter of Jane Grogan Smith-Steinberg and Robert Louis Smith, Jr. She was a 1977 graduate of Salisbury High School; a 1983 graduate of Appalachian State University with a degree in electrical engineering and physics; and graduated from NC State University with a degree in software engineering.

She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury. She loved playing music, especially the violin and bass clarinet. She loved living in the mountains of NC, especially around Boone; loved bird watching and designing computer software for people to make quilts. She was a member of the Elizabeth Maxwell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In Raleigh, she was a member of the Civitan Club.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Left to cherish her memory in addition to her mother are her brother, Robert Evans Smith and wife Susan; and sister, Janine Smith Wicklund and husband Robert.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Timothy Brand and the staff at the Cardio Vascular Recovery Unit at Presbyterian Hospital their care.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Smith family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

HS

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Kathy's passing. As children we looked up to Kathy. She was our babysitter when we were at Sacred Heart and Knox.

Helene Staley - March 11, 2024 at 03:00 PM

LD

“ Dearest Coach, Bobby, Janine and Family,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I can't even begin to imagine your pain as you mourn Kathy's passing. I send you all my love and deepest sympathies as you grieve, and always.

Sincerely,
Lisa
Lisa S Dyer

Lisa Staton Dyer - July 26, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. The Rosenfeld are praying for the family and hugging everyone virtually

Joanne Rosenfeld - July 20, 2021 at 02:11 PM

JL

“ So very sorry for your loss.

Judy Landau - July 19, 2021 at 09:41 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry, Jane. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Bo Butler - July 19, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ Jane, it was a joy to sit with you and Kathy at the 4th of July concert a few years back and get to know Kathy at that time. May your good memories always serve as a source of comfort to you. Love,
Beverly M.

Beverly Maurice - July 18, 2021 at 09:52 PM

EK

“ My dear friend died. We never met face to face. We knew each other on Facebook because we both loved sewing, machine embroidery, and healthy recipes. We encouraged one another when one of us was sick or just down. One day, I gave her my phone number, and she called. Every now and again we would talk on the phone, for a long time. Kathee loved her mom, and showed it through action and personal effort nearly every day. She would take her Mom to appointments, clean, cook with her, and mostly just be with her because she enjoyed her company. She was smart, accomplished, held multiple degrees, but above all, never diminished anyone with it. I never knew her credentials until I read her obit. I knew she was a better database programmer than I, because when I would ask her for help, she would give it to me. In her presence, I was made bigger. She chased away my depressions. She talked about amazing food at her family's house that she said was prepared so deliciously, I believe it was by her sister. Isn't amazing that we can love someone we have never seen.

Her FB page told us who she was. It said something like: "I love Jesus, ice cream and living in the Blue Ridge Mountains, in that order."

I would love to contact Kathee's family, if anyone is interested, needs prayer or encouragement.

Ellen Korb - July 18, 2021 at 01:04 AM

JS

*Ellen,
I am so happy Kathee had a great friend like you with whom to talk. It was wonderful during COVID when she did not get out. She was so sick with four major heart blockages. She had her Dad's DNA weaknesses.
Stay in touch if you wish. Thank you,
Jane Smith-Steinberg*

Jane Smith-Steinberg - July 25, 2021 at 09:03 PM

BM

*“ I'm so sorry for your loss Jane. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Billie MacClary*

Billie MacClary - July 14, 2021 at 10:24 PM

DC

So sorry for your loss Jane 🙏

Dinah Carpenter - July 15, 2021 at 10:52 AM

LR

I have great memories from Junior High and High School of many times spent with Kathee. Her smile was contagious. My thoughts and prayers are with you. ❤️🙏

Laurie Ridenhour - July 17, 2021 at 06:10 AM



*Dear Jane and family,
I am so sorry for your loss and send prayers your way for comfort.*

Diane Emery - July 22, 2021 at 03:00 PM

DP

“ *Debra Hager Pearce lit a candle in memory of Kathleen Louise Smith*



Debra Hager Pearce - July 14, 2021 at 05:56 PM

JC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. My thought and prayers are with her family. Judy Coble*

Judy Coble - July 14, 2021 at 04:06 PM

DO

I'm so very sorry to hear about Katheen. What a beautiful soul she was. May she rest in peace and may God bless her family with peace and comfort 🙏

Debbie Sunding Ogden - July 14, 2021 at 05:43 PM

KB

I am very sorry to hear about the loss of Kathy. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Kim Bauer

Kimberly Bauer - July 14, 2021 at 09:57 PM

MG

*I am so sorry to hear of Kathee's passing. She was so fun to be around in high school. Thinking of you Mrs. Smith, Janine and Bobby Praying for strength and peace in the days ahead
Mitzi Starks Goodman*

Mitzi S. Goodman - July 16, 2021 at 01:59 PM