



Joyce Ann Smith

July 23, 1937 - June 20, 2024

Joyce Ann Smith, 86, of Wapakoneta, OH, died 8:16 a.m., Thurs. June 20, 2024, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, with her daughter at her side. She was born September 23, 1937, in Bellefontaine, OH, the daughter of the late Franklin E. and Bernice (McKee) Deardurff. On Feb. 15, 1957, she married Donald E. Smith, and he preceded her in death on March 14, 2016.

Survivors include,

3 children, Debra A. (Fred-dec) Poeppelman, Wapakoneta, OH,

Kenneth E. (Tammy) Smith, Sprout Spring, VA,

Dennis L. (Dee-dec) Smith, Minster, OH;

8 grandchildren;

18 great grandchildren;

1 great great grandchild,

brother, Richard (Sue) Deardurff, Huntsville, OH;

sisters-in-law, Jane Deardurff, Mary Reams, Beverly Deardurff,

Dodi Deardurff;

several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Joe Deardurff, Paul Deardurff, and Eugene Deardurff.

A homemaker, Joyce was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a 1955 graduate of Lakeview High School, and attended Capital University. Joyce treasured time spent with her family. Her

interests include playing cards, puzzles, camping, and in her younger years, square dancing. She also enjoyed attending her grandchildren's dance recitals and musical performances.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. June 26, 2024, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Fr. Michael Willig officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Tues. June 25, and 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service, Wed. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Mercy Health St. Rita's Hospice or St. Joseph CYO Basketball. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Just seeing this today. Our hearts are broken. We sure loved Joyce. We are so sorry and we're praying for you all. Mark & Lyn*

Mark & Lyn Longfellow - June 26, 2024 at 11:41 AM

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“ *May the Lord tightly wrap His arms around you during this time of sorrow. May the peace of God be with Joyce and her family and friends. Beverly, Paul's widow and Joyce's sister.*

Beverly Deardurff - June 25, 2024 at 10:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Smith.*



June 21, 2024 at 01:28 PM