



Karen Smith

September 6, 1942 - October 6, 2023

KAREN SMITH

Karen Sue Smith, age 81, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Friday, October 6, 2023 at her home. She was born September 6, 1942 in Wichita, Kansas, a daughter of the late Gaylord Trussell and Avis Elaine (Franklin) Gramling.

On August 19, 1961 in Overland Park, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Robert Eugene Smith. Together they shared forty-eight years of marriage before his passing on May 5, 2010.

Karen was raised in the Kansas City area and spent lots of time visiting her grandparents in Milan and Kirksville, Missouri. She attended Shawnee Mission North High School and began a career in hair dressing. The family moved to the Lake of the Ozarks area in 1973. She owned and operated the first hair salon in the Laurie Terrace Mall called Hair Unlimited. Karen also enjoyed writing and for a period, wrote a column for the local newspaper. She and Robert later opened Two Eagles Antique Store. When her daughters were young, she was proud to be a Girl Scout Leader.

In her spare time, she enjoyed being outdoors, especially flower gardening and bird watching. She was an animal lover and spent many hours playing

with her dogs. Most of all, her family was the joy of her life, she especially loved family gatherings and spending time with them.

Survivors include her son, Greg Smith and wife Lea-Ann of Ozark, Missouri; three daughters, Suzanne Smith of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, Sheila Boyer and husband Brad of Sunrise Beach, Missouri and Sherry Steenrod of Gravois Mills, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Amanda Dye, Kyle Smith, Matthew Steenrod, Adam Steenrod, Belinda Cropley, Kimberly Gunnell and Jessica Boyer; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, James T. Gramling and wife Sandy of Freeport, Florida and a host of other relatives and friends.

A private family service will be held with burial in Garber Memorial Estates, Laurie, Missouri.

Memorial donations may be made to Caring Hearts Animal Shelter or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Mike & Patty Embry lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Mike & Patty Embry - October 08, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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“ Lynda Raines lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Lynda Raines - October 08, 2023 at 01:58 PM

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“ Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Karen Smith



Michele Miller - October 08, 2023 at 09:25 AM

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Thoughts and Prayers for the family.

Michele Miller - October 08, 2023 at 09:26 AM