



Darlene Smith

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Darlene Mae Smith, 76, went to her heavenly home at 11:05 pm Monday, September 23, 2013 at her home.

She was born on April 3, 1937 in Granite City, IL, the daughter of the late Raymond and Hulda (Gusewelle) Luebke.

She married Lloyd L. Smith on August 3, 1968 in Edwardsville. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1985.

Attending Illinois State Normal University (ISU) and Southern Illinois University in Alton and Carbondale, Darlene received her Bachelor and Master's degrees and started teaching at East Alton Wood River High School. She also taught at Nashville (IL) Community High School, and 37 years at Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto. Ending 40 years of teaching, she retired in 2000.

She was a member of the Bethalto Education Association, Illinois Education Association, National Education Association, American Association of University Women, Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the Red Hat Society and Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto.

She is survived by a son and wife, Michael and Kim Smith of Moro; two granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Whitney Smith of Moro; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Linda Smith of Holiday Shores; a stepdaughter and her husband, Janet Kay and Merle McKey of Holiday Shores; four step grandchildren, Jennifer and Steve Desse of Holiday Shores, Alyssa Smith of Ohio, Joe Napoli of St. Louis, MO and Jeff Napoli of Modesto, CA; eight step great grandchildren, Jack and Grace Desse of Holiday Shores, Emily Napoli of St. Louis, Jared Napoli of Kansas City, Justin and Jessica Napoli of Modesto, CA and Kalista and Barret Napoli of St. Louis.



She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter-in-law, Carolyn Lowenstein Smith and a son-in-law, James Schutty.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 pm Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Friday, September 27, 2013 at the funeral home with Pastor Willard Meyer and Pastor Mark Hofferber officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to the Bethalto Education Association Scholarship Fund or Zion Lutheran School.

Online condolences can be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com