



Suzanne Dorothy Smith

July 21, 1921 - June 6, 2019

Suzanne (Sue) D. Smith died on the morning of June 6th at the age of 97.

She passed peacefully surrounded by members of her family in the home of her daughter in Swanton Ohio. She was born on July 21, 1921 to Charles D. (Cot) and Dorothy (Degnan) Werner. She attended Saint Angela Hall and was always proud to be one of the early high-school graduates of St. Ursula Academy. She furthered her education at the University of Toledo and received her art certificate from the Toledo Museum of Art, allowing her to become an accomplished painter. Sue married the love of her life, Charles F. Smith, to whom she was happily married for over 75 years, and with whom, she had 11 children.

Sue was truly an amazing woman! A person of great love, compassion, wit, and character, she was a matriarch of such unforgettable magnitude that she leaves a legacy that will not be easily matched by women of any generation.

She loved her family (is an understatement), and she did her best to instill this value in her children. She was feisty, kind, and amazingly funny, and she would often times remind you that she was to be taken with a grain of salt! Although our hearts may be breaking, we, at the same time, celebrate the joy and good news that Suzanne is in Heaven, rejoining Charles, members of her family, and the multitude of friends who preceded her in arriving at their home with God.

Whether she was selling clothing at the Baker Company, real estate at Casey Sullivan (where she worked for over a generation), or working at the Jacobson (where she blew away the competitors to win top salesperson in national competition), Sue was always fully devoted to whatever endeavor she pursued. Her hobbies included gourmet cooking, painting, growing tomatoes, knitting, and mastering the fine art of making a good deal.

(In fact, knowing how pricey an obituary can cost per line, Sue would have pulled my fingers off this keyboard half way into the first paragraph, proclaiming, "What are you, nuts? You got a screw loose? Knock it off, and you have GOT to end that thing!")

Suzanne is survived by children Peter J. (Karen) Smith (Naples, FL) - John C. Smith (Rogue River, OR) - Gregory P. Smith (Toledo, OH) - C. Gordon Smith (Rogue River, OR) - Jeffrey Smith (Toledo, OH) - Martin (Karen) Smith (Montgomery, TX) - Pamela (Larry) Hanley (Sylvania, OH) - Stephen (Debra) Smith (Palo Alto, CA) - Suzanne (John) Zychowicz (Temecula, CA) Christopher Smith (Toledo) - Amy (Jim) Mossing (Swanton, OH).

Suzanne is preceded in death by her parents Charles and Dorothy - brothers, Charles D. Werner II, George Werner, and sister Marcia (Draughn), and granddaughter Melinda Smith.

She had 26 grandchildren and more great grandchildren than anyone could possibly count. She enjoyed time spent with Theresa, Suzanne, and Joyce.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd. on Wednesday June 12, 2019 from 4 to 7p.m. where the Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held on Thursday June 13, at Gesu Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. where the family will greet guests starting at 9:30 a.m. Committal services will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Helping Hands of St Louis in Toledo, Ohio or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Please view the online guest registry at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.

Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road

Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gesu

2049 Parkside Blvd

Toledo, OH 43607

Graveside

JUN 13. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery

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Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

JO

Mom's voice soothes
rythmically
nightly
in the Cicada
Daily
with each inhale and exhale
Drawing her in
Letting her go...
No more dawns...
Soft dusk
Eternally ...

johnny - June 12, 2019 at 10:10 PM

CS

Suzanne lit up my life in the 14 months that I was privileged to have cared for her. In a long life full of so many accomplishments, my time with her was by definition brief but I will take away so many memories of laughter and fun! I so enjoyed her stories of raising her children, comparing our favorite flowers and talking about the different colors of birds. I will never be able to see a bird

feeder or certainly not a plate of waffles with syrup without thinking of Mrs. Suzanne. She was a woman of strong character and would always speak her mind yet at times showed me a glimpse of a softer side and expressed her care for me which I greatly appreciated. My thoughts and prayers are with Suzannes family, but especially to her children. As you turn the page remind yourself that your parents are now together, watching over all of you. I was blessed to share in Suzannes life and especially in her last days. I will cherish this gift of time & love in my heart always.

"You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." - John 16:22

- Carrie Smith, CNA



Carrie Smith - June 11, 2019 at 08:37 PM
CV

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - June 11, 2019 at 06:27 PM
TN

I wanted you to know how sorry I am for your pain. I truly loved and respected your mother. She and I often had our differences on how things should be done. She rarely held her suggestions to herself but more often than not her way usually proved to be the better. Years of living carry many lessons with them. I pray for God's peace for each one of you and I ask God to give Mom a big hug for me.

My love to all of you,
Theresa

Theresa Smith Nieslanik - June 11, 2019 at 04:02 PM
BB

This your cousin Bob Beck from Maui. My deepest sympathies on hearing of your Mom's (my Aunt) passing. Your family and our's were always linked together very closely together and that bond was created and preserved by your Mom and Dad. I loved them both and will miss them dearly. I remember the very many times that we would have conversations and disagreements about just about anything. That was something I will always cherish. I am very sorry that I will not be able to make it to the memorial given the time and distance but all of you will be in my heart and prayers.

Love,

Bob Beck, cousin/nephew

Bob Beck - June 09, 2019 at 05:33 PM
ST

Hey Bobby! From all of us, thanks for the note. We too will always cherish the times spent with you, Bud, Betsy and your mom and dad. Especially at Christmas, where I still remember your dad would pick a tree that looked sparse in nature. (Turns out it was a Spruce of some sort and you could see the ornaments more easily that way.) I chose a similar tree this year and explained all of this to my kids, etc. As far as us being able to discuss and argue about anything, I can't argue with that!!!!

I can still hear all of our voices. I hope that is a good thing! :)

All good things to you in Hawaii. In the Spirit of Aloha!, many thanks! Steve

Steve - June 09, 2019 at 06:01 PM

AW

Dear Smith children. I remember the wonderful goodies your Mom made and sent to us. Especially the chocolate eclairs. What a wonderful lady. We are headed to California to visit Pete and family and are looking forward to meeting our great grandsons. Prayers and blessings to all Tom and Ann Welly. The obituary was very special :pray::skin-tone-2:

ann welly - June 09, 2019 at 02:50 PM

ST

How kind of you to send this note, Ann. I actually recall bringing those eclairs on more than one occasion! It was always fun to go to the Welly's because you had a ditch and a fort in the back yard...and I liked coming to see your dog. The Dalmatian. Good Lord, I think I recall the name, "Pepper".

Hi to Pete and Michelle and LizzAnn, and I recall one more, but apologize that I can't recall her name. Congratulations on your great grandsons.

Sincerely, Steve

Steve - June 09, 2019 at 06:05 PM

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Carrie Smith - June 10, 2019 at 08:05 PM