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Darlene R. Smith

Darlene R. Smith, age 85, of Loveland, Colorado and formerly of Victor, Iowa, died on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Good Samaritan Village in Loveland, Colorado.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor with Pastor Michael Kolesar officiating. A luncheon will follow the funeral service at the church. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and her family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Memorials may be designated to St. James Lutheran Church in Victor and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Darlene's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Darlene Rachel (Koehn) Smith was born at home on Sept. 13, 1932, in Victor, Iowa, to Louis and Esther Koehn. She was baptized on Oct. 9, 1932, at St. James Lutheran Church, Victor, Iowa, her godparents being Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Koehn. On June 9, 1946, she was confirmed into the Christian faith at St. James, with the confirmation verse of John 10:27-28. Darlene attended Victor Public Schools, where she was active in basketball and music, graduating in 1950 as Salutatorian. From 1950-52 she attended the American Institute of Commerce in Davenport and the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, subsequently working as an insurance secretary at Employers' Mutual/Des Moines, Iowa, National Mutual/Cedar Rapids, and Employers' Mutual Casualty/Minneapolis, Minn., before starting a family.

On Nov. 26, 1955, Darlene was married to Orville Eugene ("Gene") Smith of Grinnell, Iowa, at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor. The couple moved to Minneapolis, where Gene was a student at the University of Minnesota, and a daughter, Melinda, was born. Gene soon joined the family business, Smith Funeral Home, of Grinnell, Iowa, and four more children were blessed to their union: Marcy, Brian, Martha, and Maria. In 1969 the family relocated to Colorado, where the youngest daughter, Michelle, was born. Darlene and Gene were active members at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church and later on, Redeemer Lutheran in Colorado Springs. Living in the Pikes Peak vicinity for many years, Darlene and Gene finally retired to Grand Junction, Colo., near to daughter Maria, where they joined Messiah Lutheran Church. After Gene's death in 2003, Darlene eventually relocated to northern Colorado near daughter Michelle. At the time of her passing, Darlene resided at the Good Samaritan Village in Loveland, Colo., and was affiliated with Gloria Christi Lutheran Church in Greeley, Colo. Darlene's life was that of a busy mother of six. She was a lifelong Lutheran who shared an interest in music with her husband, Gene, and oft accompanied him on airplane and camping trips. Those who knew her remember her as a faithful friend and avid correspondent prior to her demise.

She is survived by her daughters and their husbands: Melinda Heine of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Marcy and Jeff Keyser of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Martha and Matthew Franke of San Antonio, Texas; Maria and David Verble of Montrose, Colo.; and Michelle and John Goad of rural Windsor, Colo.; 14 grandchildren and was blessed to watch many of them grow to adulthood and marry: Katherine (Dylan) Malcomb, Jennifer (Gabriel) Hergenreter, Jonathan (Emma) Keyser, Sarah (Thomas) Seagroatt, Karl (Stanzie) Heine, Micah Franke, Susan Heine, Cierra (Cory) House, Joshua (Kathryn) Franke, Brianna Verble, Jacob Franke, Grace Goad, Rachel Franke, and Samuel Goad; a growing number of great-grandchildren: Emilia, Aria, Myra, and Viera Malcomb; Lily and Grant Hergenreter; Eleanor, Jack, and Annabelle Keyser; Arthur Heine; Eli House; and Hugh Franke; her beloved brother, Vernon Louis Koehn of Victor, Iowa; her brother-in-law, Robert Dale Smith of Cottage Grove, Ore.; and other cousins, nieces and nephews, and dear friends. Darlene was preceded in death by her parents, Esther Lela (Schafbuch) Koehn and Louis Elsa Koehn; her husband Gene; her son Brian; two sisters-in-law: Kae (Read) Koehn and Elizabeth "Bette" (Wallace) Smith; and son-in-law William Heine.



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