

## Patsy Smith

Patsy Smith, 83, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Traditions Memory Care in Newton.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Walt Claussen officiating. Interment will be in Hickory Grove Cemetery northwest of Grinnell. A luncheon will follow at the Eagles in Grinnell. The family received friends at the visitation held from 4 until 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to Hickory Grove Church, Newburg-Chester Church, or to Traditions Memory Care of Newton, and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Patsy's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Patsy Jane Nott was born on August 26, 1941, in rural Hickory Grove Township, north of Grinnell, to Edgar and Beulah Fahrni Nott. She was raised on the family farm and, after attending Newburg School most of her life, she attended Gilman High School for her senior year and graduated in 1959. In 1958, she married Terry Smith. Together, they had six children; their marriage later ended in divorce.

Patsy worked hard on the family farm while raising the children, served

as the director of the Senior Center in Grinnell, owned and operated Sunrise Family Dining with her son Lennie, and drove a school bus for the Grinnell School District for over 30 years. She loved flowers, whether it be the wildflowers that grew in the ditches or the lilacs and peonies that would grow every spring; her favorite flower was the white shasta daisy, though, because it always seemed so sunny.

A lover of music, Patsy played stand-up bass and sang in a bluegrass band, Rock Creek Country, and also sang solos at church. She enjoyed attending her children's school activities, sitting outside on a warm summer's day and making sure her grandkids always had ice cream. She was deeply devoted to her family and made sure a birthday never passed by without a homemade meal and favorite dessert.

Patsy is survived by her children, Kevin Smith of Kellogg, Brian Smith of Rolla, MO, Toney Smith of Alda, NE, Ben Smith of Fort Worth, TX, Lennie Smith of Oakland Acres, and Tricia Caramazza of Oskaloosa; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; her siblings, Ruthie Cooling of Garwin, Darrel Nott of Olive Branch, MS, Virginia Ekwall of Cedar Rapids, and Lorine Tullis of Ottumwa; and other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Ron Nott and Gary Nott; and sister Doris Kellogg.