



Carolyn Katherine Smith

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Carolyn K. (Freppel) Smith, 82, of Maple Plain, Minnesota passed away Thursday, August 15, 2024 at Round Lake Senior Living in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Carolyn was born in Napoleon, Ohio on November 4, 1941 to the late Fred and Rozella (Hoffman) Freppel. On June 27, 1964, she married her soulmate and best friend, Wayne Smith, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, Ohio.

Carolyn was a 1959 graduate of Napoleon High School and had many fond memories of her years there where she was a cheerleader and participated in choir along with triple trio. She was often spotted at the sock hops doing her favorite activity, jitterbug dancing, with Wayne. She often spoke fondly of her time at NHS and how she missed her time there.

She was also a 1963 graduate of Bowling Green State University where she earned a degree in teaching. After college, she pursued her teaching career and taught in Grand Blanc, Michigan, Glandorf, Ohio, Ottawa, Ohio, and Maple Plain, Minnesota.

After the move to Minnesota, Carolyn dedicated herself to raising her children for a number of years before returning to work as a teacher's assistant. Over the years she belonged to the Catholic communities of St. George's in Long Lake and eventually Holy Name in Plymouth. In both parishes, she sang in the choir and participated in bible study. In those communities she fostered her core value of unconditional love and her belief that, in religion, one should take what is good and leave the rest.

Her other passions included reading (especially non-fiction about spirituality), playing piano, crocheting, and a rum and Diet Coke at exactly five o'clock. She and Wayne also shared a deep devotion to the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. They loved to call people on their birthdays to sing Happy Birthday (with harmonies).

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 60 years, Wayne; children, Andy (Patty) Smith and Josh (Anh) Smith; grandchildren, Terra, Max, Bella, and Sadie; one great grandchild, Isaac; siblings, Mary (Sam) Sexton, Renee Freppel, and Kathy (Kevin) Sonnenberg; brother-in-law, Wade (Jean) Smith; several nieces and nephews; and more friends than you can possibly imagine.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Fred Freppel, and sisters-in-law, Charlene Freppel and Carol Smith.

A service will be held for Carolyn on Friday, August 23rd, 2024. This will be a celebration of her life and will be informal. There will be a chance to share any special or humorous memories about Carolyn.

Visitation 10 a.m.

Service 11 a.m.

Light Lunch 12 noon

Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

AUG 23. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Reception

AUG 23. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel Community Room
2600 19th Avenue Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Carolyn Katherine Smith in memory of Carolyn Katherine Smith



Washburn-McReavy - August 21, 2024 at 10:31 AM

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Prayers, sympathy and warmest thoughts to family and friends. Many fond memories of this wonderful girl. 🙏❤️❤️🙏🌸🌸 Love, Jean and Bob Clark

Bob Clark - October 20, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carolyn Katherine Smith.



August 20, 2024 at 11:49 AM

MR

“ Mary and Sam, Kathy and Kevin, and Renee purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Carolyn Katherine Smith.



Mary and Sam, Kathy and Kevin, and Renee - August 18, 2024 at 08:00 PM

DO

“ *For a time in my life, the Smith's home was my 2nd and Mrs. Smith felt like a 2nd mom.*

Thinking of Wayne, Andrew and my dear old friend, Josh.

David Olson - August 17, 2024 at 07:18 PM

JO

We sure did have a great time skateboarding around Maple Plain and finding (mostly) innocent mischief to get into. My parents loved having you around. I rode my bike past your dad's old place near Excelsior last week and thought of all the times my mom drove me over there on the winding road!

Josh - August 17, 2024 at 10:12 PM