



## Cynthia Ann Smith

July 4, 1940 - June 21, 2020

Cynthia Ann Smith of White Bear Lake went to be with her savior on June 21, 2020. Born as Cynthia Ann Zuber, on Independence Day, 1940, she proudly stated she was a true daughter of Uncle Sam. Her parents hosted an annual Fourth of July Birthday Celebration for extended family and friends, a tradition that continues to this day. Celebrating her on Independence Day is fitting; she was strong, kind, resourceful, and determined to remain independent despite life-long vision and hearing losses, and later challenges due to a long battle with Parkinsons.

Cynthia met Clint when she was 16 and they have been together ever since. Her love for Clint and her sense of adventure led the two to marry and move to Heidelberg Germany where their son was born. She spent a lifetime learning, raising her family, and traveling. Her father frequently called all the women in the family "Swedish Gypsies" because of their love of travel.

In addition to their newlywed European adventure, Cynthia and Clint traveled regularly with friends and family to Lake Superior's North Shore, Wisconsin's Door County, to Florida, Mississippi, California and Arizona. They also toured Spain and Turkey, and visited England, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and Mexico. They also visited relatives in Norway and Sweden.

With her degree in Early Childhood Development and Education and certification as a Montessori Master Teacher, she founded her own child care business, blessing the lives of countless children and families. She eventually co-owned Kid Academy with her older daughter, continuing her loving legacy

for another generation.

Cynthia enjoyed designing and sewing, drawing, painting and sculpture. Her many collaborations with Clint included elaborate wood carvings that started on her sketch pad, continued in Clint's wood working shop, and finished with colorful stains and paints. They also restored deteriorated antique dolls and clothed them in Cynthia's hand-sewn costumes. Cynthia created many artistic clay pottery pieces on a wheel made by Clint.

Cynthia was an active member at their church, First Lutheran (now Community of Grace.) At the church, Cynthia and Clint participated in small group Bible study and fellowship, making enduring and precious relationships. She trusted her savior, Jesus, and prayed often for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to experience the same kind of living faith.

Books were a particular passion, and her extensive reading gave her a colorful vocabulary which she passed on to her children. Her love of books and her desire to give back to her community led her to volunteer as a church librarian for many years. She also edited novels and wrote story books for use in her child development business. Even in her last year, after RP took her sight and Parkinson's took her mobility, she created and co-wrote a book series for youth called, "The Redheaded Cousins Stories." In this and many ways, with the steadfast support of her husband, she never complained or allowed her disabilities to define her. One of her favorite sayings was, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." She ventured often and gained much.

Cynthia is survived by her husband of 61 years, Clinton; son, Greg (Becky) Smith; daughters, Julina (Tim) Hosler and Holly Smith; grandchildren, Josiah, Alex (Sarah), Lilianna (Noah), Anna (Justin), Jubal, Kayla, and Rosalee; great grandchildren, Alyce, Esme and Leo; sister, Mary (Ed) Mackey; nieces nephews other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alpha and William Zuber, Jr., and brother, William Zuber, III.

Visitation Saturday, June 27th from 4-7 PM at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Funeral Service

1:00 PM Sunday, June 28th (gathering from 12-1 PM) at Community of Grace Lutheran Church, 4000 Linden St., White Bear Lake. Interment Ft. Snelling Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Unfortunately, I had never met Cynthia. I'm the mother-in-law to Anna, granddaughter to Cynthia. Her "spirit" lives on in her two great-granddaughters, her daughter Julina and granddaughter, Anna. She definitely left a legacy!

Pamela Creger - June 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My Dear Friends Becky, Greg and family. I am sending my sincere and heartfelt condolences to your family. God Bless

Amanda Sinclair - June 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ I will miss you every day, my precious cousin. My admiration of you is enormous. You have always been and important and beloved figure in my life. I love you Cynthia

Heather Johnston - June 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your and your family's loss.

Herb Stanwood - June 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ It sounds like she was an interesting person to know.  
May she rest in peace.



Samuel Cave - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I didn't know Cynthia personally, but I know her daughter Julienne and granddaughter, Anna-I'm Anna's mother-in-law. From reading her obituary, she was an amazing woman. What a legacy! May God continue to bless her loved ones!

Pam Creger - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Sending out condolences to your family prayers for all

Garry and Nancy Loomis - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Clint,  
I have enjoyed our coffee conversations at Bridging and the beautiful woodworking you have brought in. My sincere wishes that you and your family will find a path to healing your loss.

God's blessings to you and your family.....Pastor Jack Hilger



Jack Hilger - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ my dear friend from the age of twelve, when we met at Lake Owasso School... We had so many precious memories camping together. I look forward to seeing you again on the other side well and happy after much pain. love you!!!



JOANNE CROSBY - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Greg, Becky & family,

*We are so sorry to here about your Mom. Our prayers are with you all.*

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**Peter & Barb Kallevig** - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ *Be assured our prayers are with you (Clint) and the rest of your family.*

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**Fran And Ron KALISZEWSKI** - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM