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Naomi Maude Smith went home to her Lord and Savior on Monday, April 14, 2025, at the age of 95.

She was born to Robert and Bertha (Erteld) Smith of Scranton Iowa. She graduated from Glidden High School in 1947. She attended West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing in Oak Park, IL in 1947 and continued at Wheaton College for BSN and then on to Graduate School of Missions at Columbia International University for an MA. God used this to prepare her for going to Congo as a missionary nurse with the Evangelical Free Church of America. She spent 15 yrs in Congo, working and teaching at Tandala Medical Center.

She was called home to Boone, IA to help care for her father. While there, she was the Nursing Director of a long-term care facility for 2 yrs.

A new door opened for her in St. Paul, MN, where she taught at Mounds Midway School of Nursing for 4 yrs. She transitioned to working at United Hospital in St. Paul, MN in intensive rehabilitation as Quality Assurance Coordinator for 13 yrs.

She joined the staff of Nurses Christian Fellowship as area director of North Plains, which encompassed 5 states. She worked with student groups in universities and community colleges as well with volunteers and RN nurse groups for 14 yrs before retiring.

She, along with her sister Esther, moved into Covenant Village of Golden Valley, MN in 2001, where she resided until her passing. She was a member of New Hope EFCA.

During her life journey, God enabled her to travel the world and experience many cultures with His working in and through the lives of people.

A life verse in Colossians 1:10,11 became her goal. "That you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness."

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Esther. She is survived by many cousins and friends.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be given to Raccoon River Bible Camp, EFCA Congo Missions, or Nurses Christian Fellowship.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ She was a wonderful person, a great Christian lady who loved the Lord. I remember her time in Boone, Iowa. I had the privilege of being in a weekly Bible Study that she led for several years that really help change my life. I know she is rejoicing right now in heaven with her Lord and Savior.?”

Dennis Gustafson - June 21, 2025 at 02:48 PM

BL

“ Aunt Smittie was dear to those of us MKs (missionary kids) that had the opportunity to be with her in Congo. Always a big smile (at least from a kid's perspective), busy, pleasant and a great "Aunt". To me, she always made me feel 'welcome'.

Brian Loshbough

Brian Loshbough - April 18, 2025 at 10:16 AM

KC

“ Once I had the privilege of preaching with Smittie in the audience. I had the audacity to make a rather strong statement based on an assumption I couldn't prove. After the sermon was finished, Smittie came right up to me and pointed out my error. I left both humbled and awed by her courage to insist upon the truth!

Grateful for her life!

Kim Cone

Kim Cone - April 17, 2025 at 09:15 AM

JC

“ To me, she was Aunt Smittie. She was at IPOC in Congo where i grew up. I remember her as bubbly, a fast walker and a smiley person. I always liked Aunt Smittie. May God comfort the hearts of the family and encourage them with memories of a life well lived.

Janet Mae Cone - April 17, 2025 at 08:24 AM

DW

Naomi was a very good friend of ours for many years. I started going to camp when I was 8 and spent many years there at camp, and then going out to teach VBS with other girls from camp when we were older HS students. I also worked during the summer helping Mrs. Smith in various ways. We went to MN a couple years ago to see Naomi and had a wonderful visit. All of the Smith family meant so much to both my husband and I.

Donna Whitmer - May 15, 2025 at 10:48 PM