



Cynthia Clare Smith

April 4, 1947 - September 29, 2022

Cynthia Clare “Cindy” (Graske) Smith was born April 4, 1947 in Omaha, Nebraska to August F. and Clare J. (Krejci) Graske. Cindy grew up in Omaha where she attended Mt. View elementary school and graduated from Omaha Marian High School in 1965. After high school, she attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln for a year. Growing up, Cindy enjoyed swimming and playing with her brothers and sisters, and began a lifelong love of animals by showing dogs and horses.

Cindy married Burton Smith in Council Bluffs, Iowa in June 1984. The couple raised Cindy’s children; Gary, Travis and Camey in Omaha, before moving to Elkhorn in the early ‘80’s.

Cindy worked for many years with G&G Manufacturing in various roles. She also took great pride in helping design, build and run both Chance Ridge Veterinary Hospital in 1984 and Chance Ridge Event Center in 2004. Through the years she stayed active by barrel racing, breeding Rottweilers, and grading the roads on her tractor. In quieter times, she enjoyed gardening, fishing and mushroom hunting.

Cindy was a strong-willed, funny, caring, loyal and determined woman. She hated a dirty floor and being late, and looked forward to a good steak, especially from Farmer Brown’s. She loved her family and friends, and cherished her 3 children and her years with Burton. She always had fun traveling to rodeos with the family. Cindy had an artistic side, and had a calming effect on animals. She would often say, “Love you more than you love

me”, and you could talk with her about anything.

Cindy passed away on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at her home near Waterloo, NE at the age of 75 years, 5 months, and 25 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Gus & Clare Graske, son Gary Smith, daughter Cameron Smith, and brother Gary Graske. Cindy is survived by her husband Burton Smith, son Travis, and wife Cindy Smith, and their son, Cody, stepchildren; Doug, wife Kelly Smith, Aaron Smith, and Belinda, husband Mike Gardiner, sister Roxann Tucker, brother Lee, and wife Les Graske, and their children Rick (significant other Christine Von Dollen) Graske and Jamie (husband Shawn) Leahy, and their children Myles and Owen.

Funeral service 11 AM Thursday at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn.

Interment at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Wednesday from 3-8 PM at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 5-8 PM.

Memorials to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
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Family will receive friends

OCT **5**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cynthia Clare Smith*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



October 05, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



October 05, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



October 04, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



October 04, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *I was honored to of met her and her family even though a brief moment in time when my wife was working for her and Doc the memories are priceless. I know Dr Murphy thought the world of her. She now can be pain free. Thoughts prayers and hugs to the family. She will be missed.- Col. Earl Stander, Patricia Murphy DVM*

Earl Stander - October 04, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Michael and Laura Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



Michael and Laura Smith - October 03, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Deb Davis lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Clare Smith*



Deb Davis - October 02, 2022 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Deb Davis lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Clare Smith*



Deb Davis - October 02, 2022 at 04:31 PM

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“ *Burton, so sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. Sending love and hugs. I will always remember her kindness when we visited and rode at your ranch years ago.*

KathyNewberg - October 02, 2022 at 10:17 AM

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“ *Farah N Upton purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Cynthia Clare Smith.*



Farah N Upton - October 01, 2022 at 11:42 AM