



Florence Catherine Smid

July 22, 1925 - April 2, 2018

Florence Catherine Smid was the ninth child born to Fred and Mary Marx Colling on July 22, 1925 on a farm near Granville, Iowa. She attended rural school for two years and then St. Joseph parochial school in Granville until the tenth grade. She completed her high school at St. Mary's Academy in Alton, Iowa, graduating in 1942. On February 1, 1943 she began working at LeMars, Iowa in the employment of Luken Furniture Store and Funeral Home until her marriage to Robert K. Smid of LeMars, Iowa on January 26, 1948. The couple lived on a farm near LeMars for five years. In 1953 they moved to the parental Colling farm near Granville. Florence was active in school and church organizations in the St. Joseph parish in Granville. The couple retired from farming and moved to Granville in 1990.

Robert died on April 7, 2001, and Florence moved to the Crowne Pointe retirement home in Omaha, Nebraska in 2011. Her life was greatly enriched by her close connection to her family, her many friendships in Granville, and the new friends she made at Crowne Pointe.

Survivors include: son Dennis (Mary Kay), Omaha, NE, daughter Ruth (Bob) Schilmoeller, Burnsville, MN; grandchildren Laura (Jamie) MacGregor, Kelowna, BC, Kate (Taylor) Viotto, Fayetteville, NC, Adam Schilmoeller, Lakeville, MN, and Paul (Andria) Schilmoeller, Eagan, MN; great-grandchildren Delaney MacGregor and Miles Schilmoeller; sister Agnes LaBahn, Merrill, IA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Florence was preceded in death by parents Fred and Mary Colling; sisters

and brothers-in-laws Catherine (Henry) Haverkamp, Marian (William) Pottebaum, Rita (Isidore) Harpenau; Sister Romana Colling OSF; brothers and sisters-in-law John (Elizabeth Grady) Colling, Norbert (Phyllis Christoffel) Colling; brothers-in-law Richard LaBahn and Donald (Bev Seignor) Smid; sister-in-law Irma (George) Bohlke; and several nieces and nephews.

Florence generously donated her body to the Nebraska Anatomical Society to support research and the training of health care providers in Nebraska with special attention to the study of Merkel cell carcinoma. Internment of remains will follow in the family plot in Granville, IA.

Funeral mass 10 AM Saturday, Apr. 7 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 3122 S. 74th St., Omaha, NE. Visitation Friday from 5-7 PM with a Vigil service at 7 PM at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Joan of Arc church or school.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
3122 South 74th Street
Omaha, NE 68124

Wake Service

APR 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florence Catherine Smid*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Words cannot describe what kind of a wonderful person in her life, she was a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. She was there for us when our parents passed away, she became a second Mom to us. She was on of my favorite Aunts. I will never forget all the kind acts and words that she gave out in times of need. I'm pretty sure I was her favorite Nephew- wish I could of made it to the services. She will always have a spot in my heart!! Nephew-Joe Harpenau*

Joe Harpenau - April 08, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Florence was a wonderful volunteer for the Spalding libraries, willing to do whatever was needed. I always enjoyed working with her. She will be greatly missed.*

Judy Stokesberry - April 07, 2018 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ Denny,

Just to let you know that I am thinking of you and your entire family. It's always hard to lose your mother. Please know that you are in my prayers and wanted you to know that your mom did a fine job of raising you! She must have been a wonderful mother.

May her memory be eternal.

Mary Stom

Mary J. Stom - April 06, 2018 at 01:37 AM

MM

“ Denny, so sorry to hear of your loss.

UP Suppy Dept (retired 2016)

Mary Minjares

Mary Minjares - April 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Florence Catherine Smid.



April 05, 2018 at 01:40 PM

DJ

“ To the Smid Family, Remembering such special times on the Smid Farm. Our deepest sympathy to all. May our love and prayers be with all. Loren and Dorothy

Dorothy Johnson - April 05, 2018 at 11:18 AM

LE

“ *My sympathy and prayers to Dennis, Ruth and your families.*
Lois (Vortherms) Ebel

Lois (Vortherms) Ebel - April 05, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence Catherine Smid.*



April 04, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Florence Catherine Smid.*



April 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM

JG

“ *Jeff Gomez purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of Florence Catherine Smid.*



Jeff Gomez - April 04, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Florence Catherine Smid.*



April 04, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *Florence was a special aunt. She was there in good times and in bad, and there were quite a few of them. She liked to keep in touch, I will miss her cards, And such a good cook too!*
Nancy

Nancy Peterson - April 03, 2018 at 10:39 PM