



## Kelsey Smith

June 30, 1992 - August 21, 2014

Kelsey May Smith was born on June 30, 1992 in Omaha, Nebraska to Jeff and Judy (Gilley) Smith. She grew up in the Valley/Waterloo area and attended Valley Grade School and graduated from DC West High School in 2011. From an early age, Kelsey enjoyed fishing, raising animals, crafts, music, coloring, gardening and working on her i-pad.

During high school, Kelsey started to work at Goodwill Industries in Omaha and continued there after graduation. She also helped during the busy season at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Kelsey was active in 4-H for ten years, STUCO, Foreign Language Club and VSP. She was a loving, caring, strong woman with a smile that would light up any room. Kelsey loved the color orange, country music and Harry Potter movies. She was an avid fan of the Tennessee Lady Vols, Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bulls. Kelsey enjoyed Chicken Fried Steak with mashed potatoes and gravy, Gatorade and dinner out at Olive Garden.

Kelsey passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 22 years, 1 month and 22 days. She was preceded in death by grandfather Jim Gilley. Kelsey is survived by her parents Jeff and Judy; brother Nate all of Waterloo; Grandparents Janice Gilley of Grand Junction, IA, Colette and Ron Wiggins of Orlando, FL and Neil Smith of Valley; great grandmother Evelyn McKillip of Savannah, MO. Aunts and uncles Jeff and Juanita Gilley, Jackie and Mark Gannon, Jody and Rick Fox and Angie Smith and fiancée Jose Zuniga. Many

cousins.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kelsey Smith*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I saw Kelsey many times at the Goodwill. She always greeted me with a smile and a hug. She was always happy with a positive attitude. I will miss seeing her at the store. She always talked of you, Jeff and Judy and Nate. Will always remember her. sincerely Ginny*

**ginny stanzel mikes mom** - August 25, 2014 at 04:51 PM



“ *Judy & family, Reg & I are so sorry for the loss of your precious daughter. My heart breaks for you & I know no words can fill that empty place in your heart. Just know that we love you and are thinking about you all. Many hugs are sent your way!*

**Jenny Boston** - August 23, 2014 at 06:36 PM



“ *TO SMITTY, JUDY AND NATE--SHOCK AND SORROW TO HEAR OF KELSEY'S PASSING--DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO YOU---GREG H.*

**GREG HULETT** - August 23, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LG

“ Dearest Judy, Jeff and Nate, My prayers, thoughts, and deepest sympathy and love go to each of you and your family. I have so many great memories of Kelsey, especially her smile and her loving personality. Those we love will live in our hearts forever.

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**Linda George** - August 23, 2014 at 08:02 AM

TC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We thought a lot of Kelsey.

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**Toni & Cal** - August 22, 2014 at 11:45 PM

CF

“ May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always with you. May the sunshine warm you always. Until you meet again. We love you so very much Jeff, Judy, Nate, and our sweetest Kels.

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**Chad Spellman Family** - August 22, 2014 at 10:56 PM

BJ

“ Jeff Judy Nate Please accept my deepest sympathy! My thoughts and prayers are with you. Be strong for each other. Feel free to call anytime if either of you need anything. I am hoping to be there Sunday but won't know until that morning if I can get away. Again my prayers thoughts and sympathy are with you!

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**Bill bosanek jr** - August 22, 2014 at 08:36 PM

CB

“ Jeff, Judy, Nate my heart aches for you. May God comfort you through this difficult time. You are all loved!!!

*Carol Bosanek*

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**Carol Bosanek** - August 22, 2014 at 07:21 PM

TA

“ Dear Colette and Family,

*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss&#226;€&#166;our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Tina and Jim Anderson** - August 22, 2014 at 12:13 PM

MB

“ Jeff, Judy, Nate and family&#226;€&#166;we are so sorry to hear about your loss. Kelsey was such a sweet girl, I remember her always coming to the cabin and having a fun time. I will miss seeing her. God bless your family during this time of loss. Time does heal but I know how it hurts. Peace  
Madonna Bosanek-Scott

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**Madonna Bosanek-Scott** - August 22, 2014 at 10:09 AM

TG

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Judy, Jeff & Nate in this time of mourning. Kelsey was a beautiful inspiration to everyone and she will continue to inspire. God has the most beautiful angel now and we have her in our hearts.

*We love you Judy, Jeff, Nate & Angel Kelsey Smith*

*Love,  
Tom, Tico, Tyler & Taelynn Grady*

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**Tico Grady** - August 22, 2014 at 09:39 AM

NW

“ Dear Jeff, Judy, Nate, and family, there are no words and assurances that can help you overcome the grief you have, but I hope that our presence will provide you some comfort. In your tough times, we are always by your side. If you ever need us, we will be there at only a call and beck. Keep up your faith in God for if he has taken away your happiness from you, he will also provide you reasons to smile again. Only time shall reveal his plans. Till then, keep up your strength and valor and wait with a smile. Kelsey will be in our deepest prayers, along with the Smith family in this rough time.

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**Nathan Van Werden** - August 22, 2014 at 03:48 AM

CF

“ my family is so sorry for your loss. we all remember Kelsey at Ms.Mary;s when she was just a little one.. Memories I hope will comfort you at this time. Prays to you Jeff your wife and son. and the rest of your family.I'm hoping she is riding on wayne's school bus to heaven.going to the church on the hill.

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**cheryl acton and family** - August 22, 2014 at 12:11 AM

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*Peace*

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**Madonna Bosanek-Scott** - August 21, 2014 at 11:07 PM

DF

“ Our hearts go out to your family. Kelsey was a delightful young lady, always smiling and making everyone happy to know her. She will be missed by so many. May Gods peace be with you as you grieve Kelsey. Keep her close to your hearts as she will be there forever. Our family is so sorry.

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**Dwight and Kelly Frost** - August 21, 2014 at 07:01 PM