



Marian Estella Smith

June 1, 1939 - September 18, 2025

Marian E. (Hughes) Smith was born June 1, 1939, in Omaha, Nebraska to Walter and Emma (Kobs) Hughes. She grew up in Waterloo, Nebraska and attended J3 Country School on Q Street, and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1957.

Marian made her home in the Waterloo, King Lake, and Two Rivers area, and was mom to Rob, Vickie, Tami and Scott. She worked for several years with All American Fundraising as well as Rob-See-Co Dryers.

Marian was a strong and stubborn woman, but she loved everyone and had many friends. She cherished her extended family, enjoyed her time at family gatherings, and loved to give everyone a hug. She was a fan of country music and enjoyed listening to Elvis and Johnny Cash and was a big Husker fan. She liked a good card game and a good drink or a cold beer and liked to watch horse races at the bar.

Marian especially loved spending time with her sister, Virginia. They would go to garage sales together, and Marian was always on the look-out for knick-knacks, candy or anything else Virginia may like. She loved to have gifts for Tami and Scott, too, or whatever treasure she came across that she thought would make a good gift for a special friend. Marian made it a habit to always have candy or snacks to give to her family, too. In her quiet time, Marian enjoyed watching the wildlife in her yard and tending to her plants. She missed her dog, Nickel, and missed going to the cabin with Ray and his children, whom she claimed as her own.

Marian passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Arbor Care Center-Valhaven in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 18 days. She was preceded in death by her parents Walter & Emma Hughes, son Robby Smith, infant daughter Vickie Smith, ex-husband Robert Smith, granddaughter Angela LaBar, and life partner Ray Ullrich. Marian is survived by her daughter Tami (Russ) LaBar, son Scott (Angie) Smith, grandchildren Krissy (Dave) Simon, Michael (Claire) Smith and Nickolas LaBar, great grandchildren Kortlan, Brendan, and Elisabeth Franke, and sister Virginia (Tom) Geiser.

Funeral service Wednesday, 11 AM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Tuesday, 5-7 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Memorials to the Waterloo Fire & Rescue Department.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KO

“ Oh Marian! It was a pleasure meeting you at Walmart on West Center a few years ago. I swooped into pay for your groceries. I gave you my number, and you called me for my address and sent a Christmas card. I still have it. I was always wondering what had happened to you. You reminded me of my grandma and I'm so glad we met that day. - Kori

Kori - May 04 at 08:16 PM



“ Marian was the best. Always upbeat and funny too! Tami & Scott I'll have to miss the funeral much as I want to be there but I'm sick as a dog and don't want to spread it. My home is full of hummingbirds Marian brought me to add to my collection and I love every one of them.

Jane Wilson - September 24, 2025 at 07:18 AM

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“ Susie Ueckert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marian Estella Smith.

Susie Ueckert - September 23, 2025 at 03:07 PM

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“ Susie Ueckert purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Marian Estella Smith.



Susie Ueckert - September 23, 2025 at 03:07 PM

JM

“ Joy and Mark purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marian Estella Smith.



Joy and Mark - September 23, 2025 at 12:37 PM

PH

“ Pete and Yvonne Harbison purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marian Estella Smith.



Pete and Yvonne Harbison - September 21, 2025 at 01:35 PM

NB

“ She was a women that will be missed by so many, she had a heart of gold and was beyond thoughtful with her gift giving. I will miss getting the notifications on my Facebook that Marian went back and hearted 25 of my past photos oh so often. Always made me smile ☐
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Nikki Bruno - September 21, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Always enjoyed talking to her and seeing her at Rbar. Rest in peace...

Kimberly Nielsen - September 20, 2025 at 02:54 PM

EW

“ Always in a gear mood, brought snacks into the DOGHOUSE SALOON during the afternoons. A GREAT lady.she is and will be missed by many people. R.I.P.

Ennis Williams - September 20, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DC

“ Always cooking to much food, so out and about she would go with several containers of food to share with people

Diane Haman and CJ Cunningham - September 19, 2025 at 09:24 PM

TB

“ Terry and I always loved talking with you. God Bless

Terry Keifer , Brenda - September 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM