



Julia "Julie" Ann Smith

June 28, 1958 - December 31, 2020

Julia "Julie" Ann (Panther) Smith, age 62, of Bartlesville, Okla., peacefully went home to Jesus on December 31, 2020.

Julia was born on June 28, 1958 to Ruth D. (Ahlen) and Harold Maurice Panther in Cedar Falls, IA.

Julia attended Cedar Falls High School and graduated from Black Hawk Tech in 1975.

In 1978, she met David "Dave" Loren Smith at Pepsi Co. in Lincoln, NE, where their eyes met and later learned they only lived two blocks apart. They were married on June 3, 1978 in the Sunken Gardens, Lincoln, NE and went on to have 3 children and 3 grandchildren in Bartlesville, Okla.

She volunteered over the years at West Side Community Center, Women and Children in Crisis, taught preschool at The Learning Center, Little Lambs, and CDC, and ran a home daycare while teaching Sunday School and served as Superintendent and Board of Education member at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

She later pursued a B.S. degree in Elementary Education at Northeastern State University (2000) and nearly completed a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction as a Reading Specialist with Concordia University Portland Oregon. She was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Theta Kappa, and Alpha Chi.

After graduation, she was a teacher at Richard Kane Elementary for 14 years. Julia was passionate about teaching and loved what she did for a living. She

was a believer in Love and Logic and Great Expectations and she spent countless hours making sure each student would succeed.

In addition to being a devoted wife, mother and Nana, she attended CityChurch online, enjoyed helping others, teaching, shopping, music, cross stitching, painting crafts, gardening, travel with her family, raising and showing collie dogs, writing, reading adventure stories, watching mystery crime shows, baking and canning foods, drinking tea and being in nature, especially near water and mountains.

Julia joins her parents Ruth (July 2010) and Harold Panther (Sept. 1963), step fathers Robert Lear (Feb. 1981) and Grant Bennett (Nov. 2002), and brother Stephen Panther (May 2020) in Heaven.

She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband Dave Smith; Children (Spouses): Jennifer (Enrique) Cordero, Christopher Smith, Michelle Smith, and grandchildren Leah Cordero, Xavier Cordero, and Tauren Freeman; Her siblings Ronald (Elsie) Panther, Richard (Dawn) Panther, Nora (Michael) Tribble, and sister-in-law Krisan Panther and many extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may make memorial donations in Julia's memory, to the following organizations: The National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association, The Rainforest Trust , In Touch Ministries or in memory of Julia Smith to your own preferred nonprofit.

The National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association

<https://fibroandpain.org/>

The Rainforest Trust

<https://www.rainforesttrust.org/>

In Touch Ministries

<https://www.intouch.org/>

Come and go visitation for friends will be at the Stumpff Funeral Home on Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 9 AM until 4 PM and the Smith family will receive guests at the funeral home on Thursday from 4 PM until 6 PM. A memorial Celebration of Life will take place at a location and future date to be determined.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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<https://www.stumpff.org>

Visitation

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Family To Receive Friends

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Tribute Wall



“ Julia "Julie" Ann Smith

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Julia "Julie" Ann Smith

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



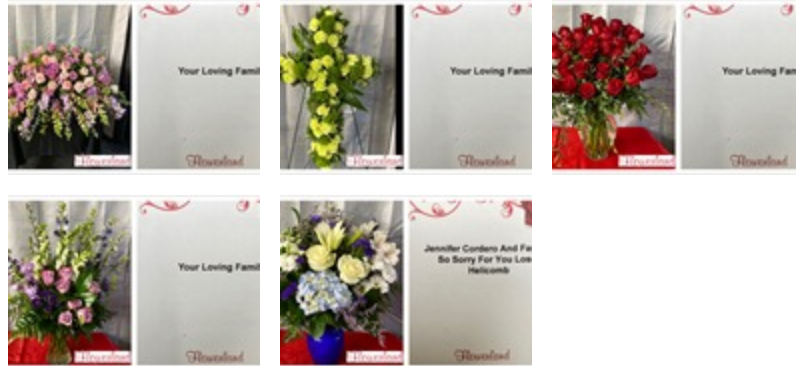
“ Miss you every day momma.



Jennifer Cordero - April 27, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ 10 files added to the album Flowers



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - March 02, 2021 at 08:25 PM

SB

“ Dave - I am sorry I was not here to extend my condolences in a timely manner. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Stan

Stan Beck - January 15, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julia "Julie" Ann Smith.



January 06, 2021 at 03:11 PM

CG

“ I'm saddened that I will not get to visit again with my friend, Julia, but I know she is pain free and carefree in the presence of Jesus. My prayers and thoughts are for Julia's family. Those precious grandbabies were her pride a joy. The photo was taken on the day of her baptism.



Cathy Gilbert - January 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM

TC

“ I taught with Julia for many years at Kane and was fortunate enough to have many long visits with her. I've never seen anyone so devoted to her students and their success. She loved her family above all else. Praying for peace for you at this difficult time.

Terri Cook - January 05, 2021 at 06:39 PM

CZ

“ Julia my dear friend and sister in the Lord. I want you to know how precious our relationship was to me. I will miss you terribly, but it won't be long, and we will be together again. I love you! Carlene Zimmerman

Carlene Zimmerman - January 05, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Julia "Julie" Ann Smith.



January 05, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Julia "Julie" Ann Smith.



January 05, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JC

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry for your loss; my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I wish I was there to give you a hug and a shoulder to cry on. All my love, Jamie

Jamie Ritchie Conaty - January 04, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Julia "Julie" Ann Smith.



January 04, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Julia "Julie" Ann Smith.



January 04, 2021 at 09:01 PM