



Rose Marie Smith

September 6, 1937 - March 18, 2014

Born in Johnson City, Tennessee to the parents of Andrew M. and Paralee Curtis. She was one of 14 children in the family. She came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior at a Grace Brethren church in Johnson City, Tennessee. After graduating from High School, she worked as a telephone operator in Johnson City, and then went off to Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana where she met a man who became her husband. She was a waitress in the dining hall and this fellow was a dishwasher in the kitchen. After finishing her chores as a waitress, she would go back into the kitchen to help this fellow dry dishes. After graduation they got married in Johnson City, TN, on June 8, 1958. The next 3 years of her life consisted of helping her husband through seminary and having her first child. She and her family then moved to Lima, Peru to begin their missionary service for the Lord. The first term of service was spent in the Peruvian Bible Institute and Evangelical Seminary in Lima where her husband taught. 6 weeks after arriving in Peru, she had her second son. Her responsibilities at the Bible Institute were to make up the menus and order the food for the students. She also taught Bible classes at a British boy's school in Lima.

In succeeding terms she helped train Sunday school teachers and vacation Bible School teachers along with her husband. In her last term in Peru she served as a pastor's wife.

When they could not return to Peru, they moved to New Mexico and started a Spanish speaking church. She again served as a pastor's wife and taught

Sunday school classes and also began a ministry at Bible Studies by Mail correcting lessons in English and Spanish. About half the lessons at Bible Studies by Mail were sent to prisoners, many of whom came to know the Lord. She is survived by her husband, Leonard D. Smith, 5 children, a son David Smith and wife Debra, a son Dennis Smith and wife Betsy, a daughter Debra Smith, a daughter Diana Eicher and husband Jerry, a daughter Dee and husband Moses, and 9 grandchildren, Troy and Tiphani Smith, David, Levi and Carliana Hatch, Christine Smith, Moses Jr, Mia and Moenisa Flores and 8 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

MY

“ Dear Diana, Jerry, David, Levi, Carliana, Your Mom was a lovely lady and much loved. We could tell! The reunion up yonder will be great! Thinking of you on this sad day! -Merlin & Miriam & Mahala

Merlin & Miriam Yoder - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FF

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MG

“ You were a very great grandmother, and great grandmother. You were always so loving and caring. We love and miss you lots forever in our memory and hearts.

Moses Flores, Chelsea Flores, and grandbabies - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Dear Len and family, We are praying for you all at this difficult time and trust that you will lean heavily upon the Lord. May you experience His perfect peace as you envision Marie Mom standing before the Lord in perfect health!

Ed and Nancy Marlow - March 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I will miss you, Mom. I love you.

Diana Eicher - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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DS

“ Mom, you were the best. You will always be in my heart. I love you. Are you making faces in Heaven

Debra Smith - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I will always love and miss you grandma. You were always so funny. I love you.

Carliana Hatch - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Mom, we love you and miss you already. It is ok to dance with Jesus and the angels. I miss making faces with you. Dad, We are sorry for your loss of your wife of 55 years. I'm sure mom will save a place for you up there. Love, Dennis and Betsy

Dennis and Betsy - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Aunt Marie, I'm so happy for you because you are able to see Jesus face to face and you are experiencing a joy that I look forward to one day. Thank you for letting me come and stay with you in Peru for a whole summer as a teenager, to visit my best friend Diana, and for God to burden my heart for Spanish speaking people. Do you know that many children and women have accepted Christ because you spent time helping me learn how to teach Peruvian children? Thank you for being a part of my life and being the momma to my best friend since childhood. We will see you again! To Uncle Len, David, Dennis, Debbie, Dianita, Dee and families.....I love you, and I'm praying for you all. ❤️

Diane Marlow Fenlason - March 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM