



Shirley Virginia Hatten Smith

November 30, 1926 - May 10, 2011

With broken hearts and loving memories, the Smith family announces our newest angel in heaven, Shirley Virginia Hatten Smith. Known as "Mother," "Granny," and "G.G.," Shirley passed away after complications from surgery on May 10. A proud Fort Collins native, Shirley was born on Nov. 30, 1926 to Walter Hatten and Sarah Shepard Hatten, and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1944. She and Donald Zane Smith married on March 2, 1946. Shirley devoted her life to her husband, four children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Although she spent her entire life in Fort Collins, Shirley enjoyed many trips, cruises, and adventures. She was an active member of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Pioneer Association, and Antique Automobile Club - where she took great pride in showing off her Ford Phaeton and 1976 Volkswagen convertible. Through the years, Shirley knit hundreds of baby hats for newborns at Poudre Valley Hospital, and created exquisitely designed baptismal quilts for St. Luke's. Shirley treasured her friends and the time she spent with them at their bi-weekly pinochle luncheons and monthly Fort Collins High School class luncheons. She bowled with several bowling leagues and exhibited her style and creativity as she knitted, sewed, and mended for her family. Shirley is survived by her children, Linda Smith Ingram Bill, Loveland, Colo.; Ronald Zane Smith Sandee, Wellington, Colo.; Steven Oren Smith Janet, Fort Collins; and Robert Mark Smith, Fort Collins. She will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Angie Bill, Jason Bianca, Jen, Sarah, Evan, Amanda Jake, and Katelyn; and her great-

grandchildren, Daniel, Jarrett, Chad, Jaylee, Emmalin, Macy, and Sydney. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Don; daughter-in-law, Pamela; and nine brothers and sisters. Shirley's family asks that you join them in a celebration of her life Tuesday, May 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover St. in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or Poudre Valley Hospital "BABY HATS," through Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Dear Linda, Ron, Steve, Mark & Your Families, I just found out about the passing of your Mom. Please accept my condolences, and know that I am thinking of you all. I saw her a few years ago, when I was passing through Fort Collins and dropped in on her one afternoon. We visited, catching up for two hours, just like old times. She and your whole family was always very special to me, even though we've lost touch over the years. My prayers are with you all. Always, Linda Welshans

Linda Welshans - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Mark and Family Ginger and I were saddened to hear about the loss of your mom. We can still picture Shirley riding in the Ford Phaeton and doing the parade wave as she went down the street. Fort Collins has truly lost one of its most precious pioneers. Our thoughts a prayers are with you and your family

Craig and Virginia Farver - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Smith Family, Bill and I would like to send our sympathy in the loss of your Mother, Shirley. Linda, I am so glad that you had us girls over to your family's College Ave. home and that of course you Mother was so gracious to share with us all. It was only fitting that we re-live our memories of fun times there as part of our class reunion. I can still picture that morning! Love it that our Mom's were such good card buddies and friends! She will be greatly missed. You are all in our prayers and I wish we could be at the Memorial tomorrow, Tuesday. I know it will be beautiful! lots of hugs and love, pat and bill confer

Patricia Confer - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Steve, Linda and family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Please accept our thoughts and prayers to all of your family in your time of loss. Steve and Becky

Steve and Becky Rivoire - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ To the Smith Family- I got to know Shirley through the Poudre Valley Region car club. We spent many years on the board together. I will miss her and the hugs we gave each other. Deeply saddened, Kathy Babb

Kathy Babb - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I have known Shirley for many years through the Lincoln Center and Pioneer Association, and will remember her as such a kind and gracious lady, who was always active & cheerful, and a wonderful hostess when I attended a Pioneer Association meeting at the family home on College Avenue. Fort Collins has lost another link to the past with Shirley's passing. She had lots of friends including some of my cousins and the family members I've met are very special people, who have her same zest for living & for doing things for the community. My sincere condolences to all the family and special hugs to Linda & Jen.

Debbie Dixon - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We enjoyed her friendship in the Pioneer Association and her good food at the Women's Pioneer Luncheon.

Carolyn and Jane Goodwin - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I will miss my Granny Very much. Sending Love to all my family.
Katelyn N. Smith

Katelyn N. Smith - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dear Linda and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. Your mom was a very special person and we are all shocked that she has left us so early and unexpectedly. When I was a child I would always look forward to a birthday card and some monetary award from Aunt Shirley. The kindness that your mom showed me and my family will never be forgotten and that kind of affection is all but gone in these fast paced days where people are so caught up with their own lives and activities. I got to spend some time with Aunt Shirley a few years back when she came for a visit to see my mom in Washington. I gave her a ride from Oak Harbor to Seattle and we had fun time reminiscing about her childhood and spending her youth with my mom. I am so sorry that I can not be there at the service next week but please know that my heart and soul is with all the family at this heartbreaking time. Sincerely, Gene Gidley

Gene Gidley - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ My sincere condolences to your family at this difficult time. Our families have a long history starting with our Dad's friendship. I so enjoyed seeing Shirley more in recent years at the Pioneer Picnic and Ladies Pioneer Luncheons and will always think of the house on college as the Smith's house each time I drive by. My love and prayers to all of you. Lynne

Lynne Warfield - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IP

“ Please accept my condolences at Shirley's unexpected death. I've known Shirley since our days at FCHS. Our husbands were friends from Cache la Poudre HS and as couples we enjoyed many fun times together, especially card nights while our newborn daughters slept. I'll miss visiting with Shirley at the annual Pioneer Picnic. My love and prayers to all of you. Irene

Irene Pearson - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Mark: Our condolences to your family for the loss of your dear Mother. I talked with Shirley several months ago while shopping. So happy I was able to see her one last time. Mark...we have lost touch but still think about you and hope you are doing well. Sincerely Mary and Kevin Taylor Shirley Bowers

Mary Taylor - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Dear Mark and family, So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. With my sincere sympathy, Lois Younie

Lois Younie - May 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Sorry for your loss. She was such a neat lady! I enjoyed going over to visit Aunt Shirley and Uncle Don with Grandpa and Grandma Welshans when we would come to town. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Amy

Amy - May 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Chuck forwarded Linda's email to me. I am so sorry to hear about Shirley's passing. I do have fond memories of her and was so glad that she was able to come to Mom's funeral last year. It was nice to see her again. I know this is a difficult time, especially when her passing was so unexpected. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families now and in the days to come. Take care of each other. Love, Linda & Mike Warren & LavEtta's daughter

Linda Autrey Guy - May 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM