



Laverne A. Smith

May 11, 1943 - January 24, 2021

Laverne A. Smith, 77, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Southeast Hospital.

She was born May 11, 1943 in Cape Girardeau, MO to Dallas and Mable Verble Baugher.

She and Richard Stephen Smith were married August 25, 1963. He preceded her in death on March 24, 2009.

She was an administrative assistant at Cape Girardeau Public School Board Office and Central High School for 35 years. She was also the secretary at First General Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

She was an avid bridge player and reader.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie (Keith) Kyle of Cape Girardeau and Traci Smith of Harrisburg, Arkansas; a son, Brian (Cathy) Smith of Delaware; two brothers; one sister; five grandchildren, Zachary Kyle, Dylan Kyle, Brian Smith, Jr., Brianna Smith and Blye Smith; two great-grandchildren, Jackson Smith and Emmett Kyle.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Gerald Collier officiating.

Masks are required to be worn for visitation and funeral services.

Burial will be at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be given to Avenue of Flags.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lindsey Cemetery

McClure, IL 62957

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
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Tribute Wall

GF

“ So very sorry to learn of Laverne's passing. I remember her from all her years at the Board office she was there when I was teaching. Prayers for the family. Gretchen Fee.

Gretchen Fee - February 05, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JM

“ I just learned today of Laverns passing. I enjoyed working with Lavern at the CGPS Board office. She was always on top of everything, and ready for anything. She took good care of us during our meeting, like a mother would a child. I always enjoyed talking about family, friends, church, and yes, even motorcycles. R.I.P. Lavern, my your memory always shine as bright you did. 🌹

J.B. McClard - February 03, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laverne A. Smith.



January 28, 2021 at 09:48 AM

DC

“ I only knew Laverne through conversations we had while she worked in the board office when I was a teacher in the district. She was so helpful and so much fun!! She will be terribly missed by many. My prayers will contiguity her loved ones.

Dixie Crites - January 27, 2021 at 10:03 PM

DC

"Continue"

Dixie Crites - January 27, 2021 at 10:05 PM

GK

"Laverne will be so missed by our Red Hat Group. Also, Laverne was one of a foursome who played bridge on-line during the pandemic. Her wonderful smile and all her goodness will leave a void in so many lives. I will continue to pray for this family who certainly needs some comforting. My condolences. Genie Kremer"

genie m kremer - January 27, 2021 at 09:15 PM

CW

"Laverne had such a big personality. She filled a room with laughter and conversation.

And she was an excellent bridge player. She could recall the last hand played and offer suggestions to help improve the play. I always looked forward to being Laverne's bridge partner.

*My sincere sympathy to her family,
Carol Wells*

Carol Wells - January 27, 2021 at 06:47 PM



"Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laverne A. Smith.



January 27, 2021 at 11:16 AM

KB

“ Oh the times we had at CHS working together...she was my mentor, my friend and one who always listened when I needed a lending ear. She was a force behind the plan and always had an answer to the questions what only Laverne would know. She was the one who made her administrators look good because she knew more than they knew and they knew it. Outside of work, Laverne loved her family beyond measure and always was so proud of each of them as well as being a wonderful wife to the love of her life, Richard. You are leaving us too soon with wonderful memories to carry us all into the coming days.....

Kathie and Calvin Brennan

Kathie Brennan - January 26, 2021 at 11:11 PM

AC

“ *Debbie and all,
I was saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. She always had a smile on her face and I remember her laugh fondly. When we were all running around together in high school and college we all considered her our Mom as well.*

Memories are the legacy of love and I pray that they bring all of you comfort during this sad time.

*My deepest sympathy,
Angie (Hannaford) Cowell*

Angie Cowell - January 26, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laverne A. Smith.*



January 26, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laverne A. Smith.*



January 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Laverne was never one to engage in subtlety. She called them like she saw them! And for those who were wise enough to listen, you learned that she tended to be right. I am grateful for her kindness and wisdom. She was always willing to serve, to give, and to lead. I will always cherish the moments when she would wander into my office and we would solve all the problems of the world! She had a deep and abiding love for her family; her face would absolutely light up when talking about those she loved. I am grateful for the many ways that God used Laverne to teach more more about goodness and grace. -Tyler Tankersley*

Tyler Tankersley - January 26, 2021 at 04:11 PM

KG

“ Laverne was an amazing coworker who became my friend. Her son was usually the topic of our conversations. We were both so proud of him. Laverne was proud of all of her children. She will be missed by many. . .including me.

Karen Casper Gleeson - January 26, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JS

“ We were one house separated since 1968 - what wonderful neighbors they were. Our children went to "Hawthorne" it was called then - now Clippard school now where Debbie teaches my great-grand children. The years have rolled by and she was so precious to me when my husband passed 2 yrs. ago and checked on us when I almost lost my oldest son that lives with me. Always that big smile and that little laugh when she was around. Miss her; but know she loved the Lord and she is with your Dad again rejoicing. Stay true to the Lord - we will see them again. Love and prayers,
Jeannette Stone

Jeannette Stone - January 26, 2021 at 03:43 PM

AN

“ I met Laverne while working briefly at First General. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her. Laverne was a vivacious lady who loved her family, numbers, and bridge playing! I learned so much from her. I received advice on life, how to find lice, and heard about all her travels. Laverne was a true inspiration and vital part of the community. The one thing I can say is I am certain with all the hard work, travel, and living Laverne did she did not leave this world regretting not doing something. Laverne was a go getter and strong woman. This news deeply saddens me. I will pray for her family for the courage to get on to the new reality and adjustment fate has presented before you. Please know I am sending my sincerest condolences. May her memory be eternal. Laverne I wish you a good trip.

Anna-Maria - January 26, 2021 at 02:45 PM

CF

“ Cindy Hodge and extended family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Laverne A. Smith.



Cindy Hodge and extended family - January 26, 2021 at 01:22 PM

TN

“ So many fun memories with Laverne at church. When I took over the CE board, she helped me through that process so much. When I think of your mother- I think about laughter! May you have many more good laughs, remembering all the funny things she did or said! Prayers for all of the family.

Terri Noland

Terri Noland - January 26, 2021 at 12:40 PM

AA

“Debbie, Traci, and Brian, so very sorry for your loss. Laverne and I spent many years together in the adult couples Sunday school class with our spouses at Westside Church of God. We always had a good time in study and the class parties. She will be greatly missed! Love and sympathy to you all.
Ava Allen

Ava Allen - January 26, 2021 at 12:22 PM

RP

“I didn't know LaVerne until I began attending FBC cape with her. I was always drawn to her because of how loving and caring she was to me after my son died. I got a hug every week to last me til the next Sunday. I felt a real heart-to heart relationship to her, her daughter Debbie, her husband Keith, and her grandsons Zach and his brother. I am already missing her.

Rhonda Pender - January 26, 2021 at 12:09 PM

CH

“I first met Laverne when I taught at Cape Central and more recently, I spent time with her at the bridge table. She was a dear person. She will be missed!

Candy Hahs - January 26, 2021 at 10:24 AM

DC

“I am so sorry for your loss. Seeing her picture took me back to those years in the Principal's Office at Central. She will be missed.

Donna Cook - January 26, 2021 at 08:38 AM

CK

“ *My mentor, she saved me so many times, in work life and personal life. I will never forget her and her faithful obedience. She was a jewel and I will miss her dearly.*

May your sweet memories carry you all through the hard days and of course prayers all around.

Colleen Keys - January 26, 2021 at 08:31 AM

MS

My condolences on the loss of your mother. I remember her as a girl still living at home when she and her family attended West Side Church of God there in Cape. Then she married Richard who was the brother of my very dear friend, Betty Nanna. I wish you all every blessing! ♡

Margie Skipper - January 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM

BM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed Laverne and our chats while working together.*

Brenda McCowan - January 26, 2021 at 07:50 AM

DK

“ *We will miss Laverne in so many ways. Sorry for your family's loss. May you be comforted by your sweet memories and May God comfort you in this time.*

Donna and Bob Komorech - January 26, 2021 at 01:32 AM

SM

“ I so loved chatting with Laverne at the Board Office- I miss our lunches- and I will forever be grateful when I started my job with Dale Carnegie i had to create my own workbooks-It was not u usual for me to call her with a quick “ how-to question and she was always eager to help me!
Rest in peace dear friend- Sharon Mueller

Sharon Mueller - January 25, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy.

Janice Unger - January 25, 2021 at 06:08 PM

CR

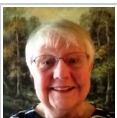
Love and Prayers,
Carol & Ron Robinson

Carol Robinson - January 25, 2021 at 07:18 PM

BH

She was a dear lady, and Kaye loved singing in the choir with her. Love and prayers for the entire family.

Bob Hamblin - January 25, 2021 at 09:16 PM



We send our sympathy with prayers for your family.
Robert and Sandra Dobnikar

Sandra Dobnikar - January 25, 2021 at 10:03 PM



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January 25, 2021 at 06:05 PM