



Margaret Smith

May 29, 1921 - November 19, 2020

The private funeral service for Margaret Smith of Wadena will be held at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Steven Meltzer presiding. Margaret, age 99, passed away with family at her side on November 19, 2020, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena under the gentle care of Knute Nelson Hospice.

Margaret was born to Earl and Elizabeth "Libby" (Harrington) Martin on May 29, 1921 in Staples, MN, and was proud of her Irish heritage. She graduated from Staples Public Schools where she played violin in the high school orchestra. Margaret was united in marriage with Melvin H. Smith on July 18, 1940 at the First Congregational Church in Staples. They made their home in Minnesota and spent winters in Arizona.

In years past, Margaret worked as a secretary for the Superintendent of the US Ammunition Depot in Babbitt, NV. Locally, she could be found in the hat department at JC Penney, operating the Dairy Queen with Melvin, and working as a secretary to the commander at the Wadena Air Force Base. She was active in the Eastern Star, as an instructor for MN OES, as a secretary for the MN Boy Scouts, and as a charter member of the VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed time with her friends at the Senior Citizens Center, with the Boondocks ladies coffee club, ladies day at the Wadena Golf Course, and serving as a Pink Lady volunteer at Tri-County Hospital for many years. She

used her artistic talents when decorating her home, along with cakes and cookies, as well as her ability as a water color artist. Many happy hours were spent playing cards and being a devoted care-provider for Melvin in his later years. She loved dancing with Melvin. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Wadena, and later at the Congregational Church in Aldrich.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin on June 17, 2016; son Wayne Smith; great grandson Conor Reindl; parents Earl and Elizabeth; and two brothers, two sisters, and 1 step sister.

Memories of Margaret will be held dear by her daughters Linda Macklanburg of Wadena and Patricia (Richard) Larson of Lake Itasca; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; as well as sisters-in-law Helen (Archie) Coson of Wadena, Rosella Rudy of Las Vegas, NV, and Deloris Quick of St. Paul.

Serving as pallbearers will be Steve Smith, Eric Macklanburg, Paul Kuznik, Allen Smith, David Smith, Stan Grossman, Lane Waldahl, and Richard Larson.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Margaret greatly appreciated the care provided by Dr. John Pate and Tri-County Health Care, along with Trish, Lori, Margie, and most recently the loving staff and family at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall

BP

“ Linda, thinking of you at this time. It was neat when your Mother and my Mother could talk with each other when we all were at Boondocks. God Bless you and your family and remember all your fond memories this Christmas and many Christmases to come.
Sandi & Barry Pratt



Barry & Sandi Pratt - December 18, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ I am so sorry Linda to see that your mother has passed. I visited several times with your mom and Helen over the years. She was a sweet lady along with your dad. Helen always had to introduce me to them over and over at the Center as she was so proud to have me meet them again and again. I remember the day at the Boondocks a year ago that we visited with you and your mom. and believe a sister of yours. God Bless you.
Love, Maryann and Jerry Riewer, Staples, MN,

Maryann Riewer - December 08, 2020 at 11:20 PM

SM

“ Sue Halliwill McDonald lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith



Sue Halliwill McDonald - December 01, 2020 at 07:20 PM

GS

“ *Fond Memories of Margaret and Mel from growing up. She was a great lady. Gary Sliter*

gary sliter - November 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

MP

“ *Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Morris & Karen Priebe - November 27, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Rocky Reese - November 24, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MD

“ *Sending my love and sympathy to the entire family. So sorry for the loss of Margaret. May it give you peace to know she and Melvin and together again.*

Michelle Dempsey - November 24, 2020 at 10:49 AM

JB

“ *Joan Brauch lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Joan Brauch - November 24, 2020 at 06:02 AM

MH

“ *Marjorie Harrison lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Marjorie Harrison - November 23, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DC

“ *Diane Crabb lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Diane Crabb - November 22, 2020 at 05:26 PM

JT

“ *JoAnn Thurston lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



JoAnn Thurston - November 22, 2020 at 03:47 PM

BS

“ *Bruce And Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - November 22, 2020 at 03:18 PM

HA

“ *Sorry to hear of your moms passing Linda. She was lucky to have you for a daughter and you were lucky to have her for your mother. She was a very nice lady and will be missed by all who knew her.*



Helen Allee - November 21, 2020 at 05:16 PM

AA

“ *Arlys Andrews lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Arlys Andrews - November 21, 2020 at 03:58 PM

LW

“ *My sincere sympathies at your mom's passing Linda. Her birthday parade was memorable. Love and prayers for you and your family.*



Lin Olson Winger - November 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - November 21, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MH

“ *Mary Ann Hagen lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Mary Ann Hagen - November 21, 2020 at 08:41 AM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Glen Donna Wood - November 20, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Steve Smith - November 20, 2020 at 07:10 PM

EO

“ *Edna Van Orsdel lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Edna Van Orsdel - November 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DG

“ *Thinking of you, Linda, and the dedicated, loving care you gave your beautiful Mom as best you could every day! Wishing you and your family peace.*

Dee Goerge - November 20, 2020 at 05:16 PM

GK

“ *Gary & Barbara Kane lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Gary & Barbara Kane - November 20, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Marladene Heinen - November 20, 2020 at 02:24 PM

JJ

“ *Jon And Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Jon and Patty Johnson - November 20, 2020 at 12:25 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Esther and Alan Freitag - November 20, 2020 at 12:20 PM

LW

“ *Lane And Donna Waldahl sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret Smith*



Lane and Donna Waldahl - November 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM

TH

“ *Tammie Klawitter Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Margaret Smith*



Tammie Klawitter Hamlin - November 20, 2020 at 08:13 AM

WC

“ *Wadena United Church Of Christ lit a candle
in memory of Margaret Smith*



Wadena United Church of Christ - November 20, 2020 at 06:24 AM



“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Smith*



Gladys Chase - November 19, 2020 at 08:13 PM