



Nancy O. Smith

April 14, 1923 - December 6, 2015

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PRINCETON — Nancy O. Smith, 92, of Princeton passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, at Colonial HealthCare and Rehabilitation Centre.

Nancy was born April 14, 1923, in Chicago to Harry and Mabel Hall Olsen. She graduated from Maine Township High School, Park Ridge, Ill., in 1941. On Feb. 16, 1945, she married Mervin K. Smith at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. They were married for 69 years.

Nancy worked as a secretary in Chicago prior to her marriage to Merv. In 1950, they moved to Princeton, where she became active in the community. Nancy was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, where she was active in the Dorcas Circle and was past president of the WELCA Board. Nancy was also involved with the Altar Guild, Covenant Class, quilting and kitchen hospitality. She was a member of the Perry Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and participated in Candy Cane, Tree of Lights and gift shop activities. Nancy and Merv were involved with the Meals on Wheels program for many years. She enjoyed knitting afghans and prayer shawls for family and friends. Other interests included sewing and reading. An event Nancy enjoyed was the Smith Open, an annual family gathering held at the Bureau

Valley Country Club from 1977 to 1994. Nancy's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

Surviving Nancy are her three daughters, Fran Pinter, Carol (Gary) Nelson and Barb (Dave) Coates, and daughter-in-law, Linda Smith Berry. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Janette (Luke) Welch, Krista Pinter, Eric (Erika) Pinter, Jenni (Greg) Costello, Lindsey (Matt) Jarvis, Leslie Smith (fiancé Mike Wiora), Matt (Amber) Nelson, Sarah (James) Shields, Katie (Mike) Selburg and Andy (Lacie Bray) Coates; and nine great-grandchildren, Karagen, Tanner and Cooper Welch, McKinley Pinter, Evalyn Costello, Owen and Olivia Nelson, Henry Selburg and Truitt Coates; and a great-grandchild, due in 2016. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Jan Edgerley and Fritzie Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merv Smith; one son, Richard M. Smith, MD; one son-in-law, Gilbert Pinter; a brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Dorothy Olsen; and a brother-in-law, Charles Smith.

Visitation and services will be Saturday, Dec. 12, in Princeton. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton with a luncheon following at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The service will be at 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church with Pastor Scott Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow the service at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Matthews Lutheran Church and Perry Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The Norberg Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at norbergfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Service

DEC 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church
416 E. Dover Road
Princeton, IL 61356