



Lois K. Smith

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Lois K. Smith 95, of Eustis, passed away on February 8, 2016. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Eustis in 1923. She was the co-owner of Smith's Wrecker Service & Truck Salvage of Mount Dora, a life-long active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis and an active member of the Anna Miller Circle for over 40 years. Lois and her husband, Fred, were very active in the Antique Car Club Fred predeceased her in 1998. They were avid collectors who shared their collections in several venues including Disney World. Lois was also an avid bowler at Eustis Bowling Lanes and she enjoyed traveling. Lois was a world traveler. She has visited many countries and has once completed a several month around the world trip. She lived by the motto, "have suitcase, will travel". She is survived by her sons; Von F. Smith (Jeanie Browne) of New Smyrna Beach, Florida and Fred C. (Tammi) Smith of St. Augustine, Florida, her grandchildren; Laura Smith Scholz (Mike) of Edina, Minnesota, Michael F. VonSmith (Kristen) of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Gregory A. Smith (Meridyth) of Fleming Island, Florida and Stephanie Smith Black (Danny) of Orange Park, Florida, and 5 great grandchildren; Taylor, Kendall, Gavin, Garrett and Katie. The family will receive friends in the Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel on Friday, February 12th from 1 – 3 PM, funeral services will be held at 3 PM in the chapel with Dr. Leon Bloder, of the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, officiating.



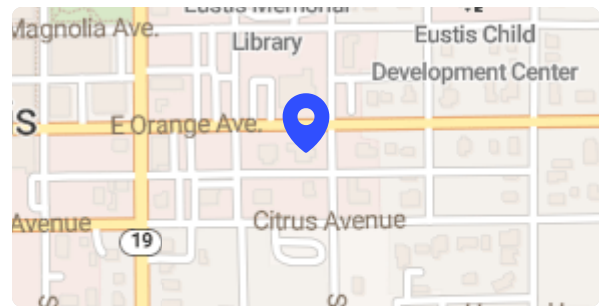
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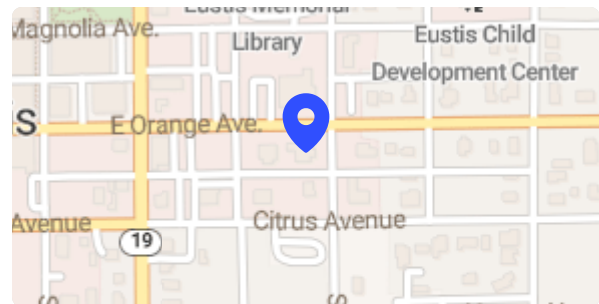
Visitation prior to ceremony

- Friday**, February 12, 2016
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel**
326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis FL 32726



Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall

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JB

Jeanie Browne posted:

Lois was a very special person whom I admired so much. She was so easy to be around, and she never knew a stranger! She was comfortable and would fit into any situation. She was genuine—always interested in the other person, and she was always interesting, as well. She had a remarkable spirit and a sense of adventure, and she embraced spontaneity. One of my favorite memories of Lois is a motor home trip Von and I took with her. Von and I were driving from Washington State and stopped at Harlow and Chris' home in College Station for a short visit, and to pick up Lois to join us the rest of the way to Florida. In the motor home, Lois and I sat in the double seat opposite the driver's seat, Lois at the window. Conversation flowed easily. As on any long drive, there would be occasional periods of silence, but not for long. Lois would start saying out loud the names of store fronts as we passed by, or the names of cross streets, or the number of miles to the next town as we passed.. No GPS was needed! She 'drank in' everything! Von and I have chuckled about that many times. Lois was a trooper and always ready for a new experience, such as sailing with us in the San Juans when she was in her 80's, or attending our yacht club's New Year's Eve party when she wasn't feeling up to par, staying to celebrate the New Year at midnight. All of our yacht club friends remember her fondly. Sharing all those times, as well as quiet times relaxing with a book on the walkover, Lois enjoying a rum and coke at cocktail hour, or simply just 'being', it was always a pleasure to be in her presence. She made an impact on me, and I will always treasure the memories.

February 12 at 9:55 AM

JB

Jill Vaughan-Birch posted:

Aunt Lois had such a lovely spirit about her and definitely lived life to the fullest! Every time I was with her she had a positive attitude and a sparkle in her eye. When visiting my grandparents (her brother Charlie) when I was little, I would always look forward to visiting Aunt Lois and Uncle Fred for their Wednesday night "prayer meetings." As I grew older, it was even more fun to watch my mother (Tommy Vaughan-Birch, her niece) and Aunt Lois together. They are so similar, and you could tell they really got a kick out of it. My hope is that Aunt Lois, Uncle Fred, Grampa and Gramma are all raising a glass together and celebrating.

February 12 at 5:46 AM

CB

Cody Vaughan-Birch posted:

Technically my "great-aunt," she was always Aunt Lois in our neck of the woods. My mental image of Aunt Lois is one of a happy lady with a bright smile. My mother, Erin Tom, bears a strong resemblance to her and I know she admired our Aunt Lois. We all loved Aunt Lois, and she is remembered fondly and greatly missed.

February 12 at 5:12 AM



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LS

Laura Smith Scholz posted:

I love you so much grandma. You were not only a grandmother but one of my best friends. I have so many wonderful memories with you. I remember the many years in Minnesota you would visit in May and October - for the 'leaves and lilacs'. We did so many fun things together. You were my 'plus one'. I am blessed to have had you in my life all these years. But still not ready to let you go. Laura

February 12 at 4:28 AM

TB

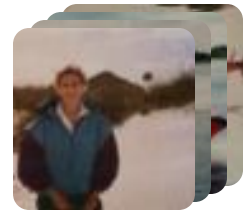
Tommy Landphair Vaughan-Birch posted:

Aunt Lois was always so happy and up beat, with a sparkle in her eyes and a smile on her face. Her enthusiasm for life was ever present. She and my Dad, her brother, Charles Landphair, were always very close and she missed him very much when he died. I loved to hear her recount tales of their childhood. I remember her telling about how the family would come to Florida back in the 1920's. The women and children would come by train and the men would drive cars over roads that were somewhat challenging taking the better part of a week. I have lovely memories and will always cherish them.

February 11 at 8:20 AM



Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors shared an album called **Memories Album**.



February 9 at 4:54 AM

TS

Tammi Smith posted:

You were always there to lend a helping hand or a helpful word. So supportive of us always. I always knew that I could call you and you would give me your ideas when I asked for your opinion. You were kind, loving, and always ready for a party or outing. You always said I was not your daughter-in-law but truly your daughter. You did not only say this but always treated me as this was so. You were a giant part of my life. I really don't know what I will do without you in my life. Gods speed mom until we see each other again.

February 9 at 1:20 PM



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KS

Karen Leheup-Smith posted:

I will miss Lois Smith. She has been my neighbor and my friend. We shared many a "Friday Night" meal, cruised together and laughed/cried together. We held hands during some tough times and celebrated the good times. She took water, lemons and sugar to make lemonade at the restaurant (and took all our leftovers home!) - and made a sweet mixture of her many friendships who meant so much to her. I will never know what was in the box from her closet that we kept meaning to open..one day. I will imagine it was fabrics from far away countries and mementos of her travels. We have missed her on Lemon Avenue - it is different. The light is not on in the front window any longer. The palm tree she and Fred transplanted so long ago is tall and spindly. Heaven gained an angel.

February 9 at 8:37 AM

MV

Michael Vonsmith posted:

Every year my Grandma Lois would fly to Minnesota in October for my birthday. I felt like the most special person in the world. It was a great week. Then I found out much later that it was for the leaves. And I still feel like the most special person in the world. Michael VonSmith

February 9 at 5:34 AM

KV

Katie Vonsmith posted:

I love you Grandma Lois. Now you're an Angel and can see me everyday!Katie Vonsmith

February 9 at 4:54 AM



Media

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Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors shared 4 photos to the **Memories Album** February 11 at 8:11 AM album.





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