



Penelope Smith

February 24, 1942 - January 28, 2018

Penelope Smith, 75, of Kankakee passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at her home. She was born on February 24, 1942 in Chicago, the daughter of Bertil and Annamae (Ward) Nelson. Penelope married Glen Reel on March 19, 1960. He preceded her in death on December 2, 2015. She married Howard Smith on October 18, 1991.

Penelope retired in 2005 after 16 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno. She enjoyed gardening, going to garage sales and collecting things. She was a born again Christian, participated in Women's Bible Study and was a member of Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband Howard Smith of Kankakee; two sons Keith (Arlene) Reel of Bourbonnais and Brad (Ann) Reel of Newburgh, IN; two daughters Rebecca (Tim) Carter of Apison, TN and Kathryn (Eric) Compton of Homer Glen; two sisters Patricia Howell of Plainfield and Peggy (Rich) Solner of Plainfield; one brother Bror Nelson of Chicago; ten grandchildren Brandon (Heather) Carter, Ali (Joel) Deckard, Amy (Ben) White, Joshua Reel, Brian Reel, Caroline Reel, Sarah Reel, Hannah Compton, Nathan Compton and Bethany Compton; one great-grandchild Claire Carter; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her first husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and two infant children Glen Reel and Jennifer Reel.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 4-8pm at

Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10am at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene, with additional visitation one hour prior. Burial will follow at Aroma Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

Sandbar Road
Aroma Park, IL 60910

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Penelope Smith*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

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“ I first met Penny and Dale when assisting them with finding their new home in 2016. Working with the two of them was such a joy. They would come into my office to ask questions about a home, or call me to follow up on something and watching the love between Penny and Dale was so beautiful. It was evident and obvious to anyone watching that there was a great deal of love and happiness in their marriage. One thing I will never forget about Penny is her love for the Lord. She radiated Christ's love and the abundance of joy that could only be a gift of the Holy Spirit abound from her voice, her smile and her gentle manner. After learning of her illness, we received a lovely card and in it was a hand written note sharing about the battle she was facing but unlike what you might expect from someone facing mortality, there was no bitterness or sorrow, only acceptance, sharing her love for her family and the precious moments that they were sharing in their limited time left and a blessed assurance that her time on earth may be coming to an end soon, but her time with her Heavenly Father and Savior, Jesus Christ, was just about to begin. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that right now Penny is no longer in pain and that she is with our Lord and Savior in Heaven's paradise- worshiping, loving and enjoying the time with our Lord and patiently waiting until her loved ones can see her again in Heaven's glory. Penny has left an indelible mark on the world, her family and friends and on my life. I will never forget her and look forward to the day when I see her again! Until then, my thoughts and prayers go out to Penny's entire family. I pray that the peace that surpasses all understanding and comes only from the Lord, will cover you all in times of sorrow and that you would find joy in knowing that Penny is truly in a better place.

Jessica Adderley - January 31, 2018 at 11:29 AM