



Esta Irene Smith

January 13, 1933 - August 1, 2017

Our precious Lord has taken Esta Irene (Kent) Smith on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, to be with her husband Frederick G. Smith; along with her parents, Benjamin H. and Rachel Naomi (Canter) Kent. They are joined by Esta's brothers, John, Raymond, Frankie, and Jerry Kent; sisters, Ordella (Kent) Ferguson and Juanita (Kent) Jones; son, Robert (Bobby) Harold Dalton and daughter, Diana Sue (Dalton) Pate.

She leaves behind daughters, Rose Mary Dalton, Nancy L. Dalton, Joyce (Dalton) Durnill (David), Stella I. (Chambers) Crohn (Ron); sons, Vernon and Donald Chambers.

Esta raised twin granddaughters, Jessica and Jodie Dalton, She was the grandmother of 15 and the great-grandmother to 20. She also leaves behind her beloved sisters, Shirley (Kent) Chandler, Vivian (Kent) Miller, and Annabell (Kent) Deckard; brothers, Lester, Kenny, Clifford, and Leroy Kent.

Besides being a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she worked at Headstart and Jerden's Tool and Dye until her youngest entered school. At that times he began her 20-year employment with Indiana University, Bloomington and raising her two granddaughters.

After retiring from IU, Esta continued in the workforce by cleaning at the

Hospitality House to be near her son, Robert (Bobby) Dalton. She fed him lunch every day following his car wreck that left him unable to care for himself. Esta cared for her daughter, Diana, the last three years of Diana's life and watched Diana's health decline from cancer. One month after her daughter's passing, her husband, Fred, passed away quickly from cancer, as well. Esta's nature was comforting to several close friends and family during their battles with cancer.

The strength and love Esta showed by caring for so many people during her life, through the good times and the bad, was extraordinary. The time has come to celebrate her accomplishments and help her family lay her to rest as they wish for just one more day, knowing that God's amazing grace will take her through the peaceful valley to rest high upon the mountain. Though her physical presence here is done, we remain blessed to have her live on in our hearts. We pray there are no holes in Heaven so she can watch as we take pictures without her and wish that Heaven was not so far away so she could be in them. What a day that will be when we all meet in that sweet place.

Esta's funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Friday. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to all, sorry for your loss. Love George and Jan Kreager*

George & Jan Kreager - August 04, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Esta Irene Smith.*



August 03, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Esta Irene Smith.*



August 03, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Esta Irene Smith.*



August 02, 2017 at 11:56 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Esta Irene Smith.*



August 02, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Esta Irene Smith.*



August 02, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Donna White lit a candle in memory of Esta Irene Smith*



Donna White - August 02, 2017 at 07:07 PM