



## Martha J. Smiley

October 2, 1932 - January 1, 2024

Martha J. Smiley, of Bloomington, died at 1:30 p.m., Monday January 1, 2024 at Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital. She was born in Fostoria, Ohio on October 2, 1932, and was the daughter of Arthur Dennis and Lavon (Reigler) Dennis. She married David Smiley on June 20, 1959.

Martha retired from Indiana University Halls of Residence in July 1999 having served as Food Stores Manager, Administrative Dietitian, Area Food Service Coordinator and Foods Manager with 27 years of service. She also worked as the Clinical Dietitian at Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph, MI from 1970 - 1981.

She graduated from Gibsonburg, OH High School as Salutatorian in 1950, then earned a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics from The Ohio State University.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-laws, Kendra and Dennis Nigg of Mooresville, IN and Kecia and Matt McKane of Milford, MI; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Denise Smiley of Interlochen, MI, Karl Smiley of Mishawaka, IN, Kurt and Laurie Smiley of Bloomington, IN, and her brother Jim Dennis of Fremont, OH.

She had twelve grandchildren, Karen (Mike) Kuch, Steven, Joshua, Caleb, Kyle, Lauren (Chris), Alex, Cole, Blake, Ethan (Chelsea), Adam (Amy) Dunn,

Matt (Mary) Dunn; and seven great-grandchildren, Cordell, Arianna, Brendan, Rylan, Logan, Adelynn, Little Wolf.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband David, her sister Ruth Green and one grandchild, Connor McKane.

After her retirement she enjoyed traveling, Bunco, book club, attending IU Auditorium Series and many volunteer activities at Opportunity House and Wonder Lab Museum of Science. She was a member of the IU University Club and IU Retiree Association. She moved to the Meadowood Retirement Community in August 2023 and enjoyed socializing with the other residents. She was an avid reader and liked crossword puzzles and Scrabble.

In lieu of flowers, Martha's children ask that contributions be made in memory of their mother to Opportunity House and Wonder Lab.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2024 at 2:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Visitation will be held Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM also at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Smiley family, we were fortunate enough to be Martha’s neighbors for the last 15 years, and so very sorry to learn of her passing. She was always friendly and had a kind word for us. Praying for peace and comfort for you all during this most difficult time.  
-Ryan Provines and family

Ryan Provines - January 08, 2024 at 06:48 PM

SF

“ It was so very sad to learn of Martha' passing. She was a long time colleague and dear friend--we worked together at IU for many years! Sorry I am unable to attend the visitation or funeral but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm sending a donation to Opportunity House in her memory.

Sandra Fowler

Sandra Fowler - January 06, 2024 at 04:07 PM

YF

“ Your IGC family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha J. Smiley.

Your IGC family - January 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

YF

“ Your IGC family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Martha J. Smiley.



Your IGC family - January 04, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JS

“ I had the privilege of working with Martha when she chaired the hospitality committee of the IU Retirees Association. She was kindness incarnate and always had a smile on her face. She was a model of reliability and conscientious efficiency. When Martha was given a task to do, it would be done -- and done well. No one who saw her at work would ever have thought she was in her 90s. She rewrote the script.

*Judy Schroeder*

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**Judy Schroeder** - January 04, 2024 at 02:00 PM

LF

“ Love; Your Orchard Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha J. Smiley.

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**Love; Your Orchard Church Family** - January 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM

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“ Love; Your Orchard Church Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martha J. Smiley.



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**Love; Your Orchard Church Family** - January 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martha J. Smiley.



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January 04, 2024 at 08:45 AM

MU

“ I've been lucky to have known Martha for many years. A kinder more thoughtful lady you won't find. She had a smile for all and was generous with her time ... and apples. Each fall she would personally deliver some to our doorstep for us to enjoy! R.I.P Dear Martha.

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**Marilyn Uselding** - January 03, 2024 at 09:51 PM

JK

*I was saddened to learn of Martha's passing, having just talked with her at the Buskirk theatre a few days prior. I knew Martha these past few years as a fellow board member of the IU Retirees Association where she served as chair of the Hospitality Committee. She was gracious, kind, efficient and such a wonderful smile! My sincere condolences are extended to her family. Joyce Krothe*

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**Joyce Krothe** - January 16, 2024 at 11:35 AM