



## Rita Smith

July 4, 1931 - November 9, 2011

Rita Smith, 80, of Bloomington passed away Wednesday at home with her loving family by her side. She was born July 4, 1931 in Springville, Indiana, the daughter of Erza and Esther (Zikes) Johnston. She married Vernon Smith on February 25, 1956. Rita attended Bloomington High School. She retired from RCA in 1992. She was a beloved wife and mother who loved her family dearly and always had a smile on her face. Rita was an avid IU, Colts and Pacers Fan. She loved fishing, mushroom hunting, going on car rides to the overlook and spending time with her family. She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds and squirrels from her patio. She was well known for her persimmon pudding. When she was able she would donate blood to the American Red Cross and supported United Way and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Rita is survived by her husband of 55 years Vernon Smith; two sons Steve Smith of Bloomington and Larry Smith of Indianapolis; two sisters Marie Pritchard and Shirley Bryant both of Bloomington and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, infant son Randy J. Smith; three sisters Helen Eads, Roxie Hessinger and Mary Fiscus; five brothers Clovis, Fred, George, Ralph and Dewey Johnston and one nephew Sam Johnston. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2011 at Allen Funeral Home. Burial

will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Rita.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are never alone. You can find much comfort in the Holy Scriptures which assures us at Psalms 34:18 that God is near to those broken at heart and crushed in spirit. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

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“ Steve,

*Thinking about you in the loss of your mother. Especially sad since you so recently lost your grandmother.*

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**Kay Lee** - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

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“ Larry....you and your family are in my prayers. May God continue to strengthen you through this difficult time.

*Hope*

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**Hope Martin** - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss.

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**Betty Martin-Goodman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM

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“ Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you Steve, Larry and Vernon. Your memories of your mom and wife and all your wonderful times together will bring smiles to your faces and help ease your grief and sadness as you go through the days and months ahead. We will see you this weekend.  
Much Love, Paula and Phil

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**Paula and Phil Klann** - October 26, 2015 at 04:21 PM