



Dawn A. Smith

November 18, 1953 - July 19, 2016

Dawn A. Smith, 62, of Marquette, died Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at her home. Funeral services will be on Saturday, July 23rd at 11 a.m. at the Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City. Visitation will be on Friday, July 22nd from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Burial will be at the Central City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Dawn A. Sterling, was born on November 18, 1953 to John and Gladys Sterling in Chicago, Illinois. Dawn spent her young years in the Chicago area until her family moved to Miami, Florida. Dawn remained in Florida graduating from High School and attending Junior College there. Gil Smith and Dawn Sterling were married on March 31, 1973 in Homestead, Florida. Shortly after they were married they made a trip to Nebraska, and eventually moved to the Palmer area. While in Palmer, Dawn worked for Ensley Electric out of Grand Island as a secretary and bookkeeper for over 15 years. Dawn and Gil then moved to Willow Bend near Marquette in the fall of 1993. Dawn worked for Allied Tour and Travel out of Grand Island, where she setup tours and travel plans for people and operated the Greyhound Bus Depot in Grand Island until her stroke forced her to retire.

Dawn was a very busy woman, which led her to be a willing volunteer for many events and organizing several different functions. She loved her music,

and was a gifted singer, singing for many weddings and funerals as well as playing guitar. She was a puzzle enthusiast and put together too many puzzles to count. Her extremely devout faith led her to be involved in many different aspects of her church; including Wednesday nights children's ministries. Her greatest two loves were her faith and her family. She always was one who wanted to be able to spread the gospel to anyone who was willing to listen.

Dawn was a member of the Wesleyan Church in Palmer, and the Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Gil of Marquette; her children – Charissa Smith of Marquette and Scott Smith also of Marquette; her siblings – Judy Sterling of Chicago, IL; Phyllis Ruggeri of Apache Junction, AZ; and Tom (Susan) Sterling of Riverside, CA. Also left to cherish her memory from the Smith family are – Anna Mary Smith of St. Paul, NE; Carol Vinson of Greenwood, NE; Carl Smith of Bilonia, AR; Harold (Diane) Smith of Waverly, NE; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews, along with her very special Bible Study Group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother – Bill Sterling.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church
Central City, NE

Tribute Wall

GR

“ Dawn was a very special and sweet person. Always a smile. She will be greatly missed. Greg and Paula Rhoades

Greg and Paula Rhoades - July 22, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dawn A. Smith.



July 22, 2016 at 10:10 AM

PS

“ Paul Smith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dawn A. Smith.



Paul Smith - July 22, 2016 at 02:00 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dawn A. Smith.



July 21, 2016 at 03:55 PM

SS

“Wow, I was just thinking about Dawn and Gil a few days ago, remembering our time singing and travelling as Persuasion. I learned so much from the faith and love shown to us, and even though it did take some years, eventually those times were part of what helped me to become a true believer. I'm so very thankful for the Smith family, you are all in my prayers.

Sara (Rubesh) Suggs

Sara Suggs - July 21, 2016 at 11:43 AM

BR

Sara is right, she made such an impact on our lives, and thru the music of Persuasion I'm sure we were able to impact others as well. She had such a beautiful gift and I am glad she shared it with me and so many others. God Bless the Smith family, thoughts and prayers to you and yours.

Brenda (Rubesh) Rodocker

Brenda Rodocker - July 21, 2016 at 03:13 PM

RH

Sympathy, love and prayers for Dawn's family. We always loved hearing Dawn sing for the Glory of God and the encouragement of those that got to hear her testimony and beautiful voice. Pastor Alan and Myrna Houston

Rev Alan and Myrna Houston - July 22, 2016 at 08:18 PM