



JoAnn Mae Smith

May 3, 1933 - December 29, 2017

JoAnn Mae (Sokoloski) Smith, age 84, of Wibaux, Montana passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Wibaux County Nursing Home. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Wibaux with Deacon Rick Miske officiating. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Francis Schreiber officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Silha Funeral Home of Wibaux has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JoAnn was born May 3, 1933 in Golden Valley County, Beach, North Dakota to Frank R. and Verna L. (Peplinski) Sokoloski. She attended the Jordan and South Center country schools in Wibaux and graduated in 1951 from Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Miles City, Montana.

JoAnn was united in marriage to Charles Earl Smith on January 5, 1953 at St. Phillip's Catholic Church in Wibaux. They lived on the family farm east of Wibaux for sixty years, where they farmed and raised their six children. JoAnn and Earl moved to town in 2013 and JoAnn moved to WCNH in 2016.

JoAnn worked at the First National Bank, County Superintendent's office, Wibaux County Nursing Home and finally at Golden West Electric for nineteen years before retiring in 1996. She was an active member of the community, serving on many boards and committees including the Wibaux School Board, Farm Service Agency County Committee, Action for Eastern Montana and the Golden Valley Manor.

JoAnn loved many hobbies and activities such as crocheting, needle point, cross stitch, painting, flower gardening, bird watching and auction sales. She collected shoes and antiques. JoAnn was always ready for a card game and frequently said, "There are no friends in Cards." Although she was competitive at cards, she was a friendly person and had a way of making people feel welcome, always greeting everyone with a smile and hello. She loved a good joke and was known to pull a prank or two. She especially enjoyed anything that involved her children or grandchildren. JoAnn loved to take photos of family events and sunsets. She left behind many journals and records of family history. JoAnn will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Verna Sokoloski; her son, Douglas Smith; her grandson, Jason McBride; her two brothers, Floyd Sokoloski and James Sokoloski and an infant sister, Veronica Sokoloski.

JoAnn is survived by her husband of sixty four years, Earl Smith; five children, Deborah McBride of Wibaux, Brenda Smith of Hamilton, Montana, Bruce (Carmen) Smith of Wibaux, Kendall Smith of Petaluma, California and Jess (Kim) Smith of Florence, Montana; eight grandchildren, Scott (Sue) Smith, Julie Smith, Sheri (David) LeGrand, Edward (Julie) McBride, Meriah Smith, Riley Smith, Bridger Smith and Jayden Vogan; two step-granddaughters, Rachelle (David Allred) LaPierre and Danielle LaPierre; five great grandchildren; five great step-grandchildren; one brother, Donald (Muriel) Sokoloski of Wibaux; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Sokoloski of Tyler, Texas and Marilyn VanStralen of Moraga, California and several nieces and nephews. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Vigil Service

JAN 3. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
313 1st Avenue Southwest
Wibaux, MT 59353

Memorial Mass

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
313 1st Avenue Southwest
Wibaux, MT 59353

Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnn Mae Smith*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *I loved this woman. She always made me feel important. We had some good laughs together. Rest in peace JoAnn. Bruce, Carmen and family our heartfelt sympathy. Val and Carol Obrigewitch.*

Carol TescherObrigewitch - January 05, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of JoAnn Mae Smith.*



January 02, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Carol Hanson lit a candle in memory of JoAnn Mae Smith*



Carol Hanson - January 01, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies, love and prayers for your family. Joann was my godmother and a favorite aunt of crazy antics. You never knew what she might do at a family gathering of the Jablonski's and Sokoloski's! Rubber chickens, crazy costumes and so many more precious memories come to mind. Rest in peace sweet Joann. Love you forever. Therese Jablonski Forbes*

Therese Jablonski Forbes - January 01, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to you all! You Mom was very special and was like a Mom to me! Hugs to you all! Laureen Murphree*

Laureen Murphree - December 31, 2017 at 12:36 AM