



## Phyllis Darlene Smith

May 28, 1934 - November 4, 2009

Phyllis Darlene Smith, age 75, of Bangor, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 at the Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Phyllis was born May 28, 1934 in Jamestown, North Dakota the daughter of Harold and Lucille Pauling. Phyllis was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, nurse and friend. She was a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church, loved reading, writing letters, and photography, with lighthouses, windmills and barns being her favorite subjects. Surviving are 4 children, Julaine Greer of Bangor, Steven (Rita) Smith of Galesburg, Gayle (Guido) Manzella of South Haven, Eric (Brenda) Smith of Midland; 6 grandchildren, Tristen, Jason, Darlene, Roxanne, Tyler, Judy; a sister, Joyce Wilhelm of New Castle Indiana, a brother, Roger Pauling of Edgeley North Dakota, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. George W. Smith DC in 1978, her parents; a sister Judy and a brother Lester. The family would like to especially thank Dr. Otto Lorenz, all the medical personnel and friends that were involved in caring for Phyllis. The family will meet friends Saturday, Nov. 7 at Simpson United Methodist Church from 10:00 am until time of service at 11:00 am, Rev. Thomas Davenport officiating. Interment will follow in Arlington Hill Cemetery, Bangor. The family suggests memorial contributions to Simpson United Methodist Church or to the family to help with expenses. Arrangements by BANGOR CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

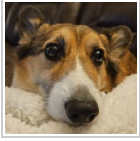
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



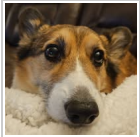
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**Tristen Stoner** - July 30, 2016 at 01:58 PM



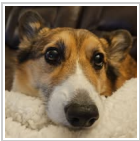
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**Tristen Stoner** - July 30, 2016 at 01:45 PM



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**Tristen Stoner** - July 30, 2016 at 01:45 PM

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“ *Mom--Thinking of you. Love Eric*



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**Eric Smith** - November 03, 2013 at 07:36 PM

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“ Eric Smith lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Darlene Smith



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Eric Smith - May 15, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ Mom, As I wander thru life, I will always wish you could be there for me to call when I am feeling down. Life can be cruel when a loved one is taken from us. I am not bitter about the cycle of life, but I feel you left before your time and I will miss you always. Hope you are having a good time playing Tonk with Dad and Ethel. May God continue to grant you peace in your eternal rest. Love and miss you-  
-Eric###imported-begin##Eric Smith###imported-end##

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January 13, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ phyllis i have known you for a long time. i will always miss your smile and the letters and phone call's i recieved from you and you likewise me. i wish the smith family the best and i am sorry for your loss. phyllis has ment a great deal to me. she was a very spetial person to me and so are all the smith's i have had many great time's with her.

sincerly pauline murphy###imported-begin##pauline eva murphy###imported-end##

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December 23, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ *Phyllis was a wonderful woman. I remember my visits to Eric really well. She was always so nice and welcoming. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the members of the Smith family....##imported-begin##Richard Puckett##imported-end##*

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November 20, 2009 at 06:19 PM



“ *Dear Smith Family,  
So sorry to hear of Phyllis' passing. I wish I had known in time to be able to attend the service. I consider myself fortunate to have known Phyllis thru our years of working at South Haven Hospital. She was a great nurse! Compassionate, skilled and a wonderful patient advocate. I know her smile, sense of humor and her laugh (among other things) will be missed by many.  
May God comfort you in the days ahead.  
Katherine##imported-begin##Katherine Douglas(Schewe)##imported-end##*

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November 18, 2009 at 04:24 PM



“ *Oh mom- why did you have to go?  
I look across the table and miss your smile and laughter; even your bugging me when I was doing homework...especially the reading to me from cookbooks, recipes, that you wanted me to cook...Molly still looks for you...I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...There are not enough tears that I could ever cry...so , I don't....I will remember the type of person you wanted us to be...loving, caring and giving....to All....and through that, you live on....You were a Great woman, mother, nurse,gma, provider, wife, friend and sister.....Your daughter, Julie##imported-begin##Julaine Greer##imported-end##*

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November 15, 2009 at 07:19 AM



“ Gayle, Eric and family, I was so sad to hear of your mothers passing. I have many fond memories when we were little kids running around your house, having a ball. Your mom was always so warm and welcoming and her laugh it was just contagious...We all spent a good part of our childhoods without our dads but our moms were stong and raised us well, just wanted you to know I was thinking about you, you are in my thoughts and prayers..##imported-begin##Lory Pliley Shaw##imported-end##

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November 13, 2009 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Julie and Family: I am sorry to read about your mother's passing. She was a blessing to many. I pray warm memories will sustain all of you in your time of grieving.  
Sincerely, Vicki Reid Olson##imported-begin##Vicki Reid Olson##imported-end##

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November 11, 2009 at 08:44 AM



“ Eric and family, I have many wonderful memories of your mother and whenever I think of her laugh it brings a smile to my face. Her joy was contagious and she always made you feel welcome. Your mom had a way of making me feel more like family, than just simply a friend. I will think fondly of the memories: Tater Tot Casserole, the trip to Edgeley ND (smell the roses) and the bag of kitty litter that would keep the Christmas tree straight. Your mom will be greatly missed and our prayers are with your entire family.##imported-begin##Scott & Amy Peters##imported-end##

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November 09, 2009 at 11:59 AM



“ Eric our prayers are with your family. Your mom was the best neighbor that anyone could ask for. She will be greatly missed by our whole family and the other neighbors that she has touched here also. May GOD easy the pain of you loss. I know she is in a better place, pain free and smiling down on you. May God bless you all. Dale and Melissa Small and Family###imported-begin###Dale & Melissa Small###imported-end##

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November 07, 2009 at 10:58 PM



“ Gayle and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray knowing your mom is at peace now helps to ease your pain. I know was very loved. Take care of yourselves.###imported-begin###Bret & Michele Hinz and Family###imported-end##

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November 07, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ I was very priviledged to have met your grandma, Tristen. She was one of a kind. I'll always cherish the memories I have of her.

*My prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love ya,*

*Erin###imported-begin###Erin Villa###imported-end##*

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November 07, 2009 at 05:42 PM



“ *She was a great lady, I have many great memories of her when I came over to visit with Eric. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Mike Benner##imported-end##*

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November 07, 2009 at 11:43 AM



“ *Extending my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and praying that your faith will give you strength in this sad time.##imported-begin##Kathleen Stevens Zak##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2009 at 09:11 PM



“ *Mom ,I have so many happy and fun memories of you. You and I had so much fun shopping for your new home and furniture, I got you good when at the restaurant in South Haven I paid the young waiter to jump up on the table and dance for you, you laughed so hard and turned so red. All I know is you were like my own mom. I hope you will be there in the light to guide me home one day and we can laugh and have fun together once again.  
I LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!*

*JOHN##imported-begin##John Greer##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2009 at 07:17 PM



“ *Gayle I cant begin to understand what you and your family are going through at this time. I am so so sorry for your loss, Remember she is always right beside you and will stay in your heart forever. Although I have not seen Phyllis for a long time I still have fond memories of her. Please take care. love Jane and Katie##imported-begin##Jane##imported-end##*

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November 06, 2009 at 04:38 PM



“ Grandma ....you are one in a million you have touched many lives... you are loved and will stay in our hearts and minds forever....I love you my G-Ma!!! Keep your cloths on in heaven...Kisses##imported-begin##Tristen Wolfe-Greer##imported-end##

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November 06, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ my memorys of my grandma are vast and great from the time that i walked in on her after her shower (thus cementing my place as a smith) to the time i helped her make choclate chip cookies not to mention being stomped in scrabble 3-1 this came as a shocker to us all that one so strong and so stubborn could leave the world so suddenly and so quickly but i know she left the world with few if any regrets and left us all with life lessons and good memories. grandma i love you and i hope you are happy. and may you rest in peace.##imported-begin##tyler smith##imported-end##

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November 06, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ Eric, I am so very, very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Heidi (Sparks) Cooper##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 07:33 PM



“ *Gayle and family,  
We wanted to take a moment and extend our condolences on the loss of your mother. Phyllis was a wonderful women and we both have fond memories of her. Rest easy knowing she is sharing her very contagious laughter with many people in a much better place.##imported-begin##Matt and Michele Grant##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2009 at 06:41 PM



“ *Eric and Family- Our prayer is for you and your Family in this hard time. Your mom was a great person and she help out a lot of people that came in her travels but she is in a place of great beauty with her lord and savior.##imported-begin##Brian Gregory##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2009 at 02:34 PM



“ *Grandma, I love you and I always will. I'll always remember you as the kind, beautiful, funny, good-humored woman you are. You had such a great personality and have saved so many lives and have also touched many lives along the way. So many people love you because you're so wonderful and always know how to make people laugh and smile. I'm happy to know though that you're in heaven with grandpa and everyone else and now you can eat all the candy you want!! I'll miss you, along with so many other people. I do know that we will all see you later at some point and we'll get to be eternally reunited again.*

*Love always, Roxanne&Josh*

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November 05, 2009 at 02:17 PM



“ Gayle, Steven, Julie and Eric: I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have many wonderful childhood memories of spending time at your house, my second home. Gayle and Eric, I am sure that we drove your mom crazy most of the time, but she still did so many things with us and took us all over. I will always remember the big road trip to North Dakota, and all the fun times at Sandy Pines. My kids are still amazed when I talk about all the things we did, and most of the time got away with!! Your mom was a very special lady and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Anna McCoy##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 02:13 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Pill's death. My mind immediately went to the family reunions we had and all the fun. Good memories!! May God's peace be with you all.  
Susan##imported-begin##Susan Pauling Larson##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 01:39 PM



“ Mom- We will miss spending time with you watching the birds and appreciating the flowers and telling funny stories from the past. You have always been there for us and everyone. We love you and we will miss your laugh. We will miss your "suprise" pancakes. Everyone remembers you for being the greatest nurse in the world and touching everyone's lives. I will always feel you around me at work and in my life.

Love Gayle and Guido Manzella##imported-begin##Gayle & Antonio "Guido" Manzella##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 12:33 PM



“ Julie, Tristen and family - My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at the loss of your Mom and Grandma.##imported-begin##Michelle & Ashley##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 12:06 PM



“ Eric and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I know my Grandma thought verely highly of your Mom. She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Leah Balfour Fall##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 12:03 PM



“ Mom  
You are missed a great deal but there is comfort in knowing that you are reunited with dad again in heaven. The pain we feel of you being gone from the earth will ease with time and we know that you will always be with us in our hearts. You have touched many lives through the years and may you find peace in your eternal slumber. We will always love and miss you. Eric, Brenda, Roxanne, and Tyler.##imported-begin##Eric & Brenda Smith ##imported-end##

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November 05, 2009 at 10:09 AM