



Margaret M. Smith

April 18, 1945 - June 7, 2013

COLUMBIA, NH—Mrs. Margaret M. Smith, 68, of Columbia, passed away at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook very early on Friday morning, June 7, 2013.

She was born in Laconia, NH, on April 18, 1945, a daughter to the late Robert L. and Laura O. (Fregeole) Rice. She attended St. John Catholic School and later graduated from Laconia High School. Margaret was married to Frederick B. Smith on June 29, 1963, who, along with her two sons, was the love of her life.

Before moving to Colebrook in 1978, Margaret worked for the law firm of James Doherty. In the north country, she was a familiar face working first at the NH State Liquor Store, and later for many years at Lambert's Grocery Store which later became Prescott Farms and then Clarkeie's Market, from which she retired. Margaret was also one of the earliest EMTs in the area, and was a dedicated volunteer member of the Colebrook Ambulance Corps for more than 20 years. She was also a CPR instructor and instructor trainer for 12 years, along with her partner Eric Stohl. She was a lover of all different kinds of animals, and she also enjoyed gardening and fishing, walking, and being outdoors, always putting her heart and soul into everything that she did. She was the strong-willed rock of her family, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Fred Smith of Columbia; two sons, Fred Smith of Columbia, and Brian Smith and wife Elaina of Chester, Vt.; a brother, Robert Rice of Laconia; a sister, Eleanor Leclerc and husband Armand of Laconia; a grandson Matthew Smith and wife Stacey; and a granddaughter, Kari Smith; five great-grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters-in-law who all had a special place in her heart.

At Margaret's specific request, all services will be private. Expressions of sympathy in Margaret's memory may be made to the NHSPCA, P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885; or online at www.nhspca.org.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Remembering Margaret working at all the Prescott Farm/Clarkies Thanksgiving dinners....fun days. She was always kind to our family, in and out of the store and always had time to visit with the kids. Rest in peace, Margaret.##imported-begin##Pam Frizzell##imported-end##

November 29, 2013 at 08:28 AM



“ Fred & Family
We were shocked to hear of Margaret's passing. She was so tough and had battled so many other health issues and seemed to always bounce back. Margaret never let anything stop her witty sense of humor. With her North Country tough ole gal personality she could conquer anything. With a heart so full she was very giving and we will miss her dearly. We will continue to cherish the crafts that Margaret has made us over the years as they continue to hang on our walls. You are good friends and we wish you peace during this time. Margaret is now pain free but will continue to look over her family. You may have lost a mother, wife, grandmother and good friend but you will continue to cherish the memories and will always carry the love in your heart. Your Friends Doug, Kathy & Chelsea Gay##imported-begin##Doug & Kathy Gay##imported-end##

June 19, 2013 at 09:10 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss and pray you will eventually find happiness in your memories. You are all a very loving and devoted family which is very special to see.##imported-begin##Dr. Paier-Mullan##imported-end##

June 14, 2013 at 12:28 PM



“ Want to let you know I am sorry to hear about your loss. If there is anything I can do....##imported-begin##mary Beth Bright##imported-end##

June 13, 2013 at 06:41 AM



“ We are sorry to hear about Margaret passing on to heaven. We will always remember her with a smile on her face and a wise crack out of her mouth. Margaret you were a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family.##imported-begin##Alan & Sue Clarke##imported-end##

June 12, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ Very sorry.VDYY##imported-begin##Charlie Stafford##imported-end##

June 12, 2013 at 03:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Margaret's death. Our deepest sympathy to all.##imported-begin##sue miller##imported-end##

June 09, 2013 at 06:36 PM



“ *"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal". Margaret had a great heart and soul. She will be thought of and missed by many. I think she earned her way to heaven.##imported-begin##Bonnie & Roger Brousseau##imported-end##*

June 08, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ *Margret was a great person a wondrous moulder. She will greatfully be missed We all love you and will miss you. to fred an Freddie,Brien i loved your mom with all my heart i will miss her very much. Elauna##imported-begin##Elaina an Brien Smith##imported-end##*

June 08, 2013 at 11:04 AM



“ *Margaret was a good friend and great Sister-in-law.she helped me through a couple of hard times,for which I'll always be grateful.She had a good sense of humor,and will definitely be missed by all who knew her.My thoughts are with Fred and all the family.##imported-begin##Lenore Coffin##imported-end##*

June 08, 2013 at 08:23 AM



“ *Our condolences on the family's loss. I can still remeber when you folks were still down state and would visit Barbara and Banty at the schoolhouse. There would be Freddie, Bryan, Mike, and Stevie and we would be having fun getting into trouble. Really miss those days.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##*

June 08, 2013 at 04:45 AM



“ My condolences to the family on Margaret's passing. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

June 08, 2013 at 04:40 AM



“ I am so very sorry to read of my childhood friend and classmate's passing. Whenever we saw each other when I was visiting my hometown it was like old times in Laconia. In fact I sent a picture of her from a Fourth of July parade in Colebrook to our 50th Yearbook committee chairperson just yesterday. We've always been disappointed that she's not attended the Reunions but always tried to encourage her. We will still miss her. She was a good friend. Rosalie Pinckney Nelson##imported-begin##Rosalie&Ricky Nelson##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 08:01 PM



“ Fred, Freddy, Brian and Elaina very sorry for you loss. Thoughts are with all of you she was a great woman with spunk##imported-begin##Carey Clark##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 06:43 PM



“ Margaret will be missed by all who knew her. She always had a smile for everyone. Great lady and co-worker. May you fly with the Angels Margaret.##imported-begin##Paula Walling##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 05:06 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Margaret's passing. Please let us know if we can be of any help.##imported-begin##Keith & Betty Colomb##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 04:52 PM



“ We are in loss of words!!! Margaret was a great Mother, Grand Mother, Wife and Friend. She was always there for everyone she met! She will never be forgotten! RIP Margaret Love, The Gamache's##imported-begin##Rick & Michelle Gamache##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 04:25 PM



“ So sad to hear the news of your passing. You were an incredible mentor to me, teaching me how to be a great EMT, and pushing me to move on to loftier goals. The north country just lost one of the most wonderful people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. May God rest your soul.##imported-begin##Matthew Goudreau##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 03:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Margaret was a very special person, I'm glad I got to know her and work with her as an EMT. We definitely had some interesting times.##imported-begin##Janet & Brandon Washburn##imported-end##

June 07, 2013 at 03:06 PM