



Corena L. "Rhode" Smith

February 13, 1936 - April 12, 2021

Corena L. (Rhode) Smith, 85, passed away on April 12, 2021 in Clinton, Missouri. She was born February 13, 1936 in Joplin, Missouri, daughter of Byrl Akers and Dora (Rhine) Akers.

She graduated from Bellingham High School and worked for the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce until retirement. She then returned to Missouri to be near her sister and brother.

She married Alvin E. "Al" Smith on February 11, 2006 in Clinton, Missouri.

A social butterfly, Corena was always getting together with friends and looked forward to her Bellingham High School class reunions. She enjoyed time spent dancing, traveling, coin collecting, fishing, bird watching, whale watching in the San Juan Islands, and going to the "Red Bus" in Fairhaven for Fish & Chips. Corena also loved her "spa time" where she would get manicures and pedicures. More than anything, she cherished moments spent with family. Corena always had open arms, an open home, and gave the best life advice one could give that is still being passed down today. Her family will miss all their adventures at her Bellingham home on Noon Road and the trips to Missouri.

She is survived by her husband, Al Smith; son James (Karen) Fitzgerald;

daughter, Diana (Dana) Cartwright; two step-daughters, Julie McDaniel and Diane Smith; nieces, Elura "Janie" (Dan) VanderBrink, Judy Azzam, Karla Mack, Shelly Milligan, Christy Cline, and Beverly Stumler; nephews, Garry (Lori) Mack and Troy (Sue) Akers; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sheryl Fitzgerald; three brothers, Lonnie, Duane and Garry; two sisters, Reva and LaVerna; and niece Janice Howell.

Memorials may be made in Corena's name to Mended Hearts (2901 Squalicum Parkway Bellingham, WA 98225) or to the Bellingham Arthritis Foundation (P.O. Box 96280 Washington, DC 20077).

Corena will be laid to rest at Greenacres Memorial Park in Ferndale, WA.

Please share memories at www.molesfarewelltributes.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ You were my rock my entire life I will miss you deeply and will wait until I see you again, you will always be in my thoughts, heart and there is never a day that goes by that I don't think of our conversations. I love you so much.

“Your wings were ready but my heart was not”

Love,

Janie

Janie VanderBrink - May 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Fly high my sweet Aunt Angel. You will be missed, my comfort is knowing the arms and hugs that are awaiting you.

Beverly Stumler - April 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you!
Love always
Judy

Jusy - April 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM