

SPIRITS FLY

Upon the wings of a bird in flight,
Often you'll find a spirit's light.
Someone's spirit traveling to and fro
Visiting people they know.
Such a mystery to the human eye,
Not realizing Spirit's Fly.
Comfort and warmth they bring my way,
I feel their love everyday.
A bird sweeps down in front of me
Precisely at the moment of a memory.
Sometimes completely caught by surprise,
I've learned to quickly realize,
Someone's spirit watches over me.
My faith has enabled me to see
The love brought by a spirit in flight,
Which always remains within my sight.
A love so deep within my soul
Has a spirit strong enough to console,
The pain brought by their departure,
And that very Spirit guards my future

Immediately following Laura's committal service at the cemetery, the family extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.



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In Loving Memory



Laura J. Smidt

March 17, 1934 ~ August 20, 2024

*L*aura J. Smidt was born on March 17, 1934 in Plymouth County, Iowa to parents Earl and Ilo (Coral) Husted. She grew up in Huron and graduated from Huron High School in 1952.

Laura worked at Ronnie's Garage doing many jobs. She also worked at K-Mart for 20 years. In 1980, Laura started volunteering with the Huron Regional Medical Center "Pink Ladies" Auxiliary. She retired in 2015 and received an award for working 1500 hours. She was also a 45-year member of the SD Extension Center. She belonged to the Oddfellows Lodge and was devoted member of First Baptist Church. She was baptized at First Baptist Church in 1998.

She enjoyed crocheting, birdwatching, horses, and cheering on Jeff Gordon in stock car racing. Spending time in the community volunteering was important to her; she also enjoyed spending time with her family.

Laura is survived by her children; Robbin (Myra) Smidt of Huron, Rodney (Deanna) Smidt of Fairbanks, AK, Nancy Smidt of Sturgis, and Brian Smidt of Aberdeen; 5 grandchildren, Chad (Niki) Smidt of Vermillion, Reed (Karen) Smidt of Mendota Heights, MN, Heather Smidt of Ellendale, ND, Jeremy (Megan) Smidt of Aberdeen, and Kyle (Kaylee) Smidt of Chelsea, SD; 8 great-grandchildren, Tayen and Delaney Smidt of Vermillion, Natalee Smidt and Wyatt Brown of Ellendale, ND, Ashton Smidt of Mendota Heights, MN, Lilliana and Emberlee Smidt of Aberdeen, and Kylee Smidt of Chelsea, SD; sisters, Earldene Greenfield of Huron and Linda Schamp of Aurora, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Larry Husted and her sister Carol, in infancy.



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FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 A.M. ~ Tuesday, August 27, 2024
First Baptist Church
Huron, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Dwayne Williams

MUSIC

Peggy Cain ~ Pianist
Congregational Hymns
"How Great Thou Art" ~ "The Old Rugged Cross"
"Amazing Grace"

CASKETBEARERS

Jeremy Smidt ~ Kyle Smidt
Chad Smidt ~ Reed Smidt

INTERMENT

Riverside Cemetery
Huron, South Dakota