



Margaret J. Smith

January 29, 1924 - February 27, 2013

Margaret (Pchola) Smith, 89, of Dittmer, MO, died February 27, 2013. Mrs. Smith was born January 29, 1924 in Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the late Michael and Anne Pchola and sibling of the late, Julia Murphy, and Mary, Frank, and Joseph Pchola. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" Evans Smith and children Pamela (Charlie) Davis, Robert Smith, Rodney Smith, Sloane Smith and grandchildren Jason Hendrix, Michael Campbell, and Justin Austin.

Survivors include sister Anne Bruen, children Sandra (Robert) Shawcross, Peggy Austin, Darryl (Tricia) Smith, grandchildren Danielle Shawcross, step-grandchildren Steven (Julie) Shawcross and Sandra (Craig) Richason, cousins, extended family and many friends.

Mrs. Smith grew up with her family in New Jersey near Coney Island. At the age of 18 Mrs. Smith was hired by Harold Steinman's Skating Vanities roller follies and performed throughout the United States and Europe. Her role led her to the introduction of famed magician Harry Blackstone Sr. where she then became one of his performing assistants. Mrs. Smith performed with Blackstone until the early 50's, never revealing his secrets. Mrs. Smith married Bob Smith on May 14, 1950 and lived in St. Louis. They eventually settled on a small farm in Dittmer, MO where they raised seven children. Mrs. Smith dedicated her time to her children, attending her children's horse shows,

gardening, and cooking grand meals on the weekend for whoever stopped by. Mrs. Smith was a member of St. Francis of Assisi in Luebbering, MO. Funeral services will be held Friday, March 8, 2013 at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Cedar Hill, MO. Visitation will be from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, with services immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Gateway Area Chapter in St. Louis or the Alzheimer's Association St. Louis Chapter.

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