



Mary Jane Smoot

June 2, 1939 - December 28, 2024

Mary Jane Smoot, age 85 years, a resident of Goreville, Illinois and a former resident of rural Vienna, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 28 2024, at 5 P.M. at SIH – Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Mary Jane was born June 2, 1939 in Anna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Samuel and DeLois (Lingle) Davis.

Mary Jane was united in marriage to Carl T. Smoot. He preceded her in death on January 30, 2013.

Mary Jane is survived by her children – DeLois Fisher of Vienna, Illinois, James (Joyce) Kimmel of Vienna, Illinois, and Carla (Dale) Foskey of Cobden, Illinois; grandchildren – Wade (Danielle) Stevens of Vienna, Illinois, Misty D. (Scott) Harris of Vienna, Illinois, Jacob Stevens of Vienna, Illinois, Andrew (Jennifer) Kimmel of Vienna, Illinois, Caleb (Harley) Palmer of Goreville, Illinois, and MaCayla (Abe) Lara of Cobden, Illinois; 18 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; a sister – Loretta Dittman of Buncombe, Illinois; 2 brothers-in-law – Leon Penrod and Rodney Lacey; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends.

Mary Jane was anticipating the upcoming birth of a great grandchild as well as a great-great grandchild.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by: her parents – Samuel Davis and DeLois Reynolds; a grandson – Tommy Kimmel; siblings – Joyce Russo, Mary Ann Penrod, and Darlene Lacey; and a special friend – Noble “Toby” Barnette.

Mary Jane was a 1957 graduate of Dongola High School. She was a homemaker but had worked at many jobs throughout her lifetime. She is fondly remembered as a “Jack of All Trades.” Mary Jane played many instruments and was the lead singer for the musical group, The Sharecroppers. She enjoyed drawing and sewing and is remembered as a wonderful cook. She was noted for her fried chicken and homemade yeast rolls. Mary Jane loved her beloved feline companion, Baby.

Mary Jane was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, near Buncombe.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 5 PM – 7 PM Friday, January 3, 2025, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Private interment will be at a later date in Christian Chapel Cemetery near Dongola, Illinois.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Cemetery Details

Christian Chapel Cemetery

Dongola , IL

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jane Smoot*



Bailey Funeral Home - January 06, 2025 at 09:14 AM

GL

“ *Mary Jane was a good person with a big heart who loved her family and friends dearly and will be missed by all who knew her, Caleb and MaCayla, she was so very proud of you , I wish you God's comfort as you deal with this in your own ways , time will heal your hearts*

Gary Lauderdale - December 31, 2024 at 09:28 PM

GL

“ *Gary Lauderdale lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Smoot*



Gary Lauderdale - December 31, 2024 at 08:42 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Smoot



Elizabeth Kerley - December 30, 2024 at 02:09 PM

PV

“ I remember how welcoming Mary Jane was when we first moved to Illinois two years ago. It was so nice to have her as a neighbor. We enjoyed an evening in her home of live music and song. She still had a lovely voice. You always felt welcomed when visiting her.

Penny Vick - December 30, 2024 at 09:38 AM

PV

“ Penny Vick lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Smoot



Penny Vick - December 30, 2024 at 09:34 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jane Smoot



John Slack - December 30, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ *Shordy Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Smoot*



Shordy Ramsey - December 30, 2024 at 07:22 AM



Jimmy, we're so very sorry for your loss, for you and your family members. Thinking about you.

Shordy Ramsey - December 30, 2024 at 07:23 AM

MM

“ *Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane Smoot*



Margaret Mathis - December 29, 2024 at 09:50 PM

RC

“ *Deepest condolences to this wonderful family. My fondest memory of Jane: her laugh..just a short laugh. Strange how such a small mannerism is the biggest reminder of a life..well lived.*

Rocky Cook - December 29, 2024 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ *She was such a sweet Lady prayers for her family.* ”



Mary Lou Hynes - December 29, 2024 at 07:50 PM