



Joyce S. Bamsch

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Most people know her as Bill's wife, Jodi's mom, Keith's mom, Janice's mom, Aunt Joyce or Gma. But, her real name is Elna Joyce Smith who was born Tuesday, December 3, 1935. Joyce was the youngest of Luther and Edna Smith's eleven children. After graduating from Enigma High School, Joyce went to Chicago to spend the summer visiting her brother Glynn and his wife June. During her stay in Chicago, she started working at Kemper Insurance. It was there she met Wilfred "Bill" Bamsch. On May 28, 1955, in a private ceremony in the pastor's office, Bill and Joyce were married. In December 1955, Bill and Joyce moved to Texas to set up home. Within a couple years, Bill started his career at Texas Instruments while Joyce began her career as a wife and mother. Birth certificates list Joyce as the mother of four children. However, over the years, she became mom to many others. When the children were young, Joyce was as a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. There she served as a Sunday School teacher, Stephen's Minister, LWML member and leader, Youth leader, Tuesday morning painter and all-round volunteer. After their children were older, Joyce and Bill moved to Plano. They joined Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Joyce was active in Women's Bible Study, taught Sunday School, started the LWML group at Lord of Life and participated in other volunteer opportunities. In addition, she was an amazing cook for her entire family, especially as it grew larger. Lastly, Joyce was a lover of all animals. Her love of and kindness to dogs and cats was handed down to her children and countless others. Joyce is preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents by birth and marriage, Luther and Edna Smith and Carl and Louise Bamsch and her siblings. She is survived by her children Keith and Brenda Bamsch, Joanne Keeney, Ted Bamsch and Janice Sullivan and grandchildren, Erica (Franklin) Milliren, Jeremy (Lauren) Bamsch, Jennifer (Triston) Gray, David Bamsch, Mary Whirley, Elizabeth (Rachel) Boenigk, Doug Sullivan and Leialynn Milliren. Funeral services will be at Lord of Life Lutheran



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Church in Plano, Texas on Saturday June 15, 2019. Service is at 11 am with viewing prior to service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Lord of Life Lutheran Church 3601 W. 15th St. Plano, TX 75075. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery.



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JC

Jean Cimino posted:

Love that you included part of Grandmother Smith letter. I read that several times a year. Love the part where she is speaking to her husband on his deathbed. She asks if she can go with him and he says no one can go with him , but she can follow. We can all follow. What a hope we have. Love you so much, Janice. You have your mothers heart . I'm sure Keith and Jodie have have the love of you parents deep in their hearts also. Wish I could be with you. I'm the camp nurse for our Shining Stars Summer camp. Can't let them down this late. Again, I love you all so much. Give Wilma a kiss and hug for me.

June 13 at 11:46 AM

NW

Nancy Wiley posted:

Janice, Mary and Doug, My heart goes out you and the family. I know how much you all loved this beautiful lady and how much she means to you all. This has been a few sad days but remember all the fun times you had with her and the keep the love she had for you in your hearts forever. We all know she is enjoying her new life and one day we will join her and rejoice. Love you all. Nancy

June 13 at 8:28 AM

SB

Suzi Domel Baxter posted:

I have many childhood and adolescent memories of times that my family and the Bamsch family spent together at one of our homes. There was always wonderful food. The kids played and the adults played a game at the table. Sometimes we went camping or fishing. One time at the Bamsch home, Joyce had battered and fried strips of what my sister, brother, and I thought were beef. We were thoroughly enjoying the strips when I heard Joyce tell my Mother that the strips were liver! Leave it to Joyce to prepare liver the only way I ever liked eating it! I can see her now in heaven preparing some favorite foods for Bill, her family already in heaven, and Jesus. What a blessing Joyce was to so many! Absent from the body, present with the Lord.

June 13 at 4:10 AM



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Annette And Don Cope posted:

I'm sad by the loss of Joyce.....and know how difficult this is for everyone...She was kind, warm, and loving....and I count it a true blessing to have known her....I have many fond memories of our times together and had the privilege of attending Bible Study with her for years....her smile always had in incredible welcoming as well as a little bit of mischief....I know she is at peace....and is now with her heavenly family...I'm thankful for my visit with her this past January...we spent several hours sharing our lives and catching up..God's peace to her entire family

June 12 at 12:53 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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