



Frances Smit

April 6, 1935 - April 8, 2021

Frances Smit, 86, of Lennox, SD, died Thursday, April 8, 2021 at the Alcester Care and Rehab Center, Alcester, SD.

Frances Ellen Meyer was born on April 6, 1935, on a farm southwest of Tea, SD, the daughter of Frank Joe and Engeline (Plucker) Meyer. With her family, she moved to a farm north of Chancellor and attended Germantown District #85 rural school and then graduated from Lennox High School.

On May 29, 1952, she was united in marriage to Clarence Smit at the Delaware Reformed parsonage. The couple made their home on a farm south of Lennox until moving to Tea in 1957. In 1969 they moved to an acreage outside of Lennox and then into Lennox in 1979. Frances had worked as a nursing assistant and a waitress for 14 years. She then worked as the "little blue bus" driver for Lennox Community Transit for then next 14 years.

Frances was an active and faithful member of the Second Reformed Church, Lennox, where she taught Sunday school and belonged to the Joy Bible Study. She served as a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader for several years. She enjoyed reading, travel, embroidery and bird feeding. She treasured the time spent with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her neighborhood kids. Most of all, Frances deeply loved her family.

Besides her parents, Frances was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Bunny Arbuster and brothers-in law: Donald Sinning and Kenneth Heeren.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband of over 68 years, Clarence; children: Gerald Smit, Custer, Gayla (Mike) Jorgensen, Gillette, WY,

Glenda (Loren) Schroedermeier, Harrisburg and Greg (Brenda) Smit, Lennox; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; sisters: Marlene Sinning and Harriet Heeren both of Sioux Falls; sister-in-law, Doris (Lee) Kirkeby, Dell Rapids and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Public visitation without the family present will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 11 at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox, SD. Private family services will be held Monday and available on the Second Reformed Church facebook page. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Children's Inn or the Children's Home Society are preferred.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ I remember riding the Lennox Community Bus with Frances as a kid. She was always a fun person to visit with. I remember the kids on the bus loved her. Sorry for the loss.

Ryan Howard - December 13, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Francis will be greatly missed, she was a wonderful lady. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer (Smit), Matt, Addy and Hailey Leopold

Jennifer Leopold - April 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. Francis will be missed.



Joann Redenius and Roxy Wullstein - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the Smit Family and Friends, Our deepest and heart felt condolences for your loss!

*Very Respectfully,
Center for SEAL and SWCC (US Navy)*



Center for SEAL and SWCC - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ It is saddening to know a very special neighbor, and I mean special, has passed!

I still think a lot about "our neighbors" yet to this day.

Gerald, I was just talking to my wife Bonnie the other day about the time you visited me at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA.

Paul Fett - April 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Sorry to hear of Frances passing. She and I were classmates in District 85 from 4th through 8th grade. My sympathy to the family. I know she will be missed.

Carolyn Lionberger - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Sorry to hear of loss of Francis, You are all in our thoughts and Prayers.

Maurice DeBelts - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ It is with great sadness that I have been informed of France's passing. She was a wonderful person in so many ways. I remember her and Clarence mentoring Stan and I when our children were little and we were young. I know you will miss her greatly, and for that you have our deepest sympathy.



Stan and Colleen Logan - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I always am thankful for the friendship of Frsnces

Donna White - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our sympathy to all the family

Arlo & Vonnie. Larson - April 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Frances Smit will be truly missed by her family. She loved all of her grandchildren & great grandchildren. Frances lived a good, full life. I truly regret not going to see her in The Alcester Care and Rehab Center. I do know that both Clarence & Frances were both very well taken care of there. I have many happy memories of Frances. Our Deepest Sympathies to the Smit Family.



Wayne & Tricia Fish - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Our prayers and sympathy to her family.

Rollys Kahl - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the family of Frances Smit, So sorry for your loss.



marlyn I flitz - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Prayers to Smit family on your loss! Thinking of you all!

Todd & Sara Klinger - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM