



Shelly Smit

January 30, 1956 - November 19, 2022

Shelly Smit, age 66, of Watertown, SD, formerly Lennox, SD, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Avera McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, from complications of recently diagnosed cancer.

Shelly Sue Smit was born on January 30, 1956, the daughter of Blaine and Sharon (Walter) Smit. She grew up on a farm two miles south of Lennox. She attended, #69 Burma rural school, Lennox Public Schools, then graduating from Lennox High School in 1974. She went on to earn an associates degree in accounting from Springfield College, graduating in 1976.

Shelly had been united in marriage to Marc Fielder in October of 1977. One daughter, Marissa was born to this union. She later married Ted Swanson in May of 1980. Two children, Sheldon and Cassandra were born to this union. Shelly worked in customer service/sales positions in Yankton, Lennox, Sioux Falls and Watertown, having worked as the C-store manager at Cenex in Lennox for an extended time. She enjoyed interacting with people. Earlier, she had worked with her father in the typewriter repair business, Smit Office Repair, eventually taking over operations.

Shelly grew up in the Presbyterian faith, and had attended the Reformed churches in Yankton and Lennox, as well as Faith Presbyterian in Lennox. She had served as Girl Scout Leader. She was a deeply loved mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She enjoyed the outdoors and loved to garden. Shelly was excellent seamstress, cook and baker who also enjoyed reading, scrap booking and crafting. She had a love for animals, and had great

affection for her many pets, especially her dog, Shadow.

Shelly was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents: Folkert and Ella Smit and Robert and Ella Walter.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children: Marissa (JJ) Orr, Sioux Falls, Sheldon (Genevieve) Swanson, Canton and Cassie (Chris) Nelson, Watertown; grandchildren: Justin Bentley, Sam Becker, Lyndsey Kleinschmit, Madison Orr, Heidi Swanson and Cooper Nelson; great-grandson, Dawson Bentley; siblings: Sharla (Tracy) West, Lennox, Robert (Karla) Smit, Lennox and Susan (Dennis Rolph) Smit, Sioux Falls; cousin, Patricia (Jim) Koerner, Lennox and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of life, memorial visitation, with the family present, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m.. with a public sharing time at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 26, 2022 at the Lennox American Legion Hall, Lennox, SD

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I love you dearly and I still do. You're a precious friend to me. I still can't believe that you're gone. I love you Shelly. You and I were together through some really hard times in life and we really helped each other and I cherish those times and they are fond memories.



Selah Collins - January 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I just signed the guest book but as I finished it something came to mind that I frequently think about when I think about her and that's what she used to say when we were roommates. When she would be getting ready to go to work I would make her and a cup of coffee and we would hang out together before she left and as she wouldn't get up to leave she would always say "well, I suppose" and she had a great sense of humor but sometimes it could be very dry and I always found that hilarious her enthusiasm for having to go to work LOL. Man I loved her dearly and she will be missed.



Selah Collins - January 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Our prayers are with you I got to know Shelly when my dad would help her with any typewriter issues she would have



Scott Albert - November 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ To the Smit Family, I have just heard about Shelly's death! Even though it has been years since we have all seen each other, I have some great memories of the times we did spend together when our parents (Kenny & Florence) would get together with your parents. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May she now RIP!

Kerri Paxton - November 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Sorry to hear this. I always appreciated Shelly's personability and kindness.

Richard Schriever - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Shelly was a great friend .. I love her and she will be missed

Dolly Cook - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Godspeed to you, Shelly! I am sure the beyond is more peaceful than here! Thoughts and prayers to the family!

Julie L Turtle (Kornmann) - November 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Sheldon, Heidi, and family,
I'm so sorry to hear about Shelly. She and I had some very nice visits off and on while she was living in Lennox. I enjoyed knowing her. I know you will miss her. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Bonnie Carter - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Sending love and prayers to the Smit family during the difficult time. May you find comfort in memories of Shelly, she will be missed.

Linda Randel King - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sad to hear of her passing/



Marlyn lee Flitz - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ So sorry for your loss. She was one of a kind and I will miss her dearly.

Miriah - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Love and hugs.â ¢¸,



Brad & Michelle Hoeltzner - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Knew Shelly well from my Cenex days- I was at the store in Lennox on 9-11 and watched with Shelly as the totes collapsed and the world changed forever. Thoughts and prayers to Shellyâ€™s family and friendsâ ¢¸,

Shan Larsen - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I’m sorry to find out about Shelly



Ashley Mortimer - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I'm so sorry to hear she is gone

Lori Doffek - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I will always remember our many talks about our lives, what we have been through growing up, what we promised we won't let our children and grandchildren go through "on our watch", and the stubborn determination to not let the hard stuff break us down... you did everything you said you were going to. And THEN some! You were the a mama bear that no one better mess with when it came to her children and grandchildren in life, and I am certain you will be their guardian angel as you watch over them all from heaven, Shell... I will miss our chats... I know you weren't ready to go, but God needs you there. And now you can be EVERYWHERE at one time to watch over your babies... until we see each other again in heaven, my friend. Love you so much. â ¤

Carmen Hayden - November 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Oh, Shelly, the best, funnest friend ever, I met way back in 1980. RIP special lady. You are so deeply missed and loved!!!

Lynette Snoozy - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Debra Petersen - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.*

Mary Stack - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time*

Dean Bentley and Family - November 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM