



## Joyce Ann Smith

November 9, 1933 - February 16, 2017

Joyce Ann (Graff)Smith, 83 of Austin, died Thursday Feb. 16, 2017 at Mayo Clinic Health System in Austin.

She was born November 9, 1933 in Austin to Richard and Violet (Sistek) Graff. She grew up in Austin, where she graduated from Austin high school in 1951.

On September 7, 1952 she married Ed Smith in Austin. The couple lived in Austin their entire lives. Together they raised 2 sons. Larry Smith who worked at Gerard academy and Rick Smith currently of New Prague, Mn.

Early on Joyce worked at Diamond dollar. Later she worked at the Ellis middle school cafeteria for 17 years.

Joyce enjoyed camping, cooking, baking, playing cards, and going out to eat with her friends. She loved visiting with and helping her many friends and neighbors. Even in her later years as her health was waning, she was always willing help anyone in need.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Smith of Austin, son Rick Smith of New Prague, 8 nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son Larry, her parents Richard and Violet Graff, sister Darlene (Graff) Smith, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The memorial service will be held at 11am on Tuesday Feb 21st, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church in Austin with Rev. Jeff Forbes officiating. There will be a visitation 1 hour prior starting at 10am. The family will also greet friends at a luncheon following the service at the church on Tuesday. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery.

Condolences may be left online at [www.mayerfh.com](http://www.mayerfh.com).



# Cemetery

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## Grandview Cemetery

US 218

Austin, MN, 55912

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Grace Lutheran Church

2001 6th Ave. SE, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**FEB** **Service** 11:00AM

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Grace Lutheran Church

2001 6th Ave. SE, Austin, MN, US, 55912

# Comments

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“ Dear Eddie and Family,  
Our deepest sympathies for the loss of Joyce. I know she was a treasure of a lady, and will be greatly missed by her loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the days to come. Hold on to the memories.  
Sincerely,  
Boyd and Kay Hysell



**Kay Hysell** - February 21, 2017 at 12:23 PM

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“ Dear Eddie and Rick: You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Joyce. I have fond memories of Joyce from our 4th Avenue neighborhood. She was a truly nice lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Patty Helland Ball

**Patty Ball** - February 21, 2017 at 10:58 AM

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“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Smith.



February 20, 2017 at 11:37 AM

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“ Dear Eddie and Rick,

Our Deepest Sympathies for the loss of Joyce.

Joyce was a wonderful person and a valued friend to the Cherwinka Family for so many years. We have done so many wonderful things together over the years with our families and it will be very different without Joyce. However, we can take comfort

knowing she will be with us in spirit. I am sure she is catching up with dad (James Cherwinka) and they are enjoying a good laugh or too in heaven.

Please know we are praying for God's comfort and loving arms to be wrapped around both of you during this difficult time.

Gretchen (Cherwinka) & Skip Thomson  
Sandstone, Minnesota

**Gretchen Thomson** - February 17, 2017 at 03:37 PM

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“ Dear Smith family, my deepest condolences to you. Rest assured that I am in prayer for God's loving arms to embrace you, comfort you, and give you peace now and in the days ahead. Many fond memories of your family. Blessings! Stephen Brody

**Stephen Brody** - February 17, 2017 at 01:20 PM