



## Dorothy Smith

June 17, 1925 - January 11, 2016

Dorothy Smith, 90 year old longtime resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Bethany Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Brainerd, MN. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Holy Cross Center in Onamia, MN. Visitation with family and friends will be held 1 hour prior to service at Holy Cross Center. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Dorothy was born in Omak, Washington, on June 17, 1925 to Gil and Etta Jacobs. In August 1943 she married Julius "Bud" Smith in Okanagon, Washington and they moved to the Onamia area shortly after their marriage. She had a very busy life raising seven children on the family farm. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed having company for the big meals she prepared. For several years she made the 50 pounds of potato salad needed for the monthly Vets Club chicken dinners. Playing cards, no matter what the game, writing and receiving letters, playing bingo and sewing were her favorite pass time activities. At the age of 88 she was very proud of the blue ribbons she won for pillowcases she had embroidered for the Crow Wing County Fair. She was never too busy to stop and put on the teapot and visit with friends when they stopped by. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gil and Etta (Townsend) Jacobs; sons, Gary, Don, and Ron Smith; brother, Gil Jacobs; sisters, Hazel Rios and

Betty Jacobs; son-in-law, John Rudebeck; grandson, Cody Smith.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Rozanne Rudebeck, Coon Rapids, Brenda (Roger) Meyer of Fort Ripley; sons, Ivan (Carla)Smith and Russ Smith of Onamia; daughters-in law, Patty Papin of Woodbury and Cheryl Newman, Ellensburg, Washington; sister, Mary Lees of Okanagon, Washington; 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and very special friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Pleasant Cemetery

Onamia, MN 56359

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia  
102 Crosier Drive  
Onamia, MN 56359

## Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia  
102 Crosier Drive  
Onamia, MN 56359

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Smith*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Smith.*



January 16, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *Hi Russ (and your family as well). You are in my thoughts and prayers today as I read the wonderful summary of your Mom's life. Wow! The fun and interesting stories she must have shared! She touched many lives and she raised a great Son! The treasure she left to you are the fond memories of her for years to come. May they bring laughter and great remembrances to your family. Your friend, Scott Weicht*

**Scott Weicht** - January 15, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dorothy Smith.*



January 15, 2016 at 08:08 AM

RS

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



---

**Rita Stenehjem** - January 15, 2016 at 06:41 AM

RS

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



---

**Rita Stenehjem** - January 15, 2016 at 06:32 AM

RS

“ To the Smith Family,  
We've become family throughout the years living down the road a piece. I will always remember Dottie coming up to have tea with mom (Dona) and embroidering. They would help each other out deciding what colors the threads should be for their next pillow case set or dish towels. How beautiful were the pillow cases & dish towels. They were made with perfection, love, along with the beauty of being with friends. Dottie would say how about bringing me some more tea water, so we'd bring out the white tea pot to fill up the cups. Just a little bit of tea, no sugar, it looked like colored water to me. Little did I know this would be a memory I would treasure forever. There are so many memories, cranberry bog, picking chock cherries, turtle & fish fries, not to mention hours spent over the hill in the old house. I remember us kids running because we were afraid of the geese; they were squawking and coming in herds at us. Dottie would out with a dish towel waving to scare them off. Dottie was sharp as a tack - I never did figure out how she remembered so many birthdays and how old everyone was, she even knew how old and when my grandchildren birthdays were. There is a special bond between our families, a special friendship to hold on to. Thanks for the memories. Rita Stenehjem (Kutil)

---

**Rita Stenehjem** - January 14, 2016 at 07:08 AM

MB

“ Dot , don't know how you did it , but you found a way to make duck and geese edible !

---

**Mike Boser** - January 13, 2016 at 09:41 AM

ST

*Dot has the next dance with David Bowie.*

---

**Stargazer** - January 17, 2016 at 02:28 PM