



# Wilma Jean Smith

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### Wilma Smith Obituary

Wilma Jean Smith (nee Markel), 96, of Elyria, passed away peacefully February 28, 2020 at The Abbewood. She was born January 20, 1924 in Lorain and was a 1942 class B graduate of Lorain High School. For two years she contributed to the WWII effort, assembling rifles at a factory in Toledo, OH. She then received her Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education from Kent State University. Wilma Jean taught in the Elyria School System for twenty eight years at Hamilton, Roosevelt and Crestwood Elementary Schools, retiring in 1984. She had been an active member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, and was also a member of The Elyria Education Association and a life member of Kappa Delta Pi, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and the Hot Meals Program in Elyria. She had been a coach at Elyria Little League South and worked at the voting polls and as a census taker. Wilma Jean is survived by her children, Douglas (Sue) of Berea, Kenneth (Judy) of Medina, Peggy Kobelka of Elyria, Robert (Pattie) of Grafton, Laura (Mike) Loan of Elyria, Mark (Cathleen) and Paul both of Elyria; sixteen grandchildren; twenty two great grandchildren and a brother, Robert (Linda) Markel of Norwalk. She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty eight years, Henry A. Smith in 2002 and a sister, Ruth Smith in 2019. Friends will be received Wednesday March 4, 2020 from 10:00 AM until the time of an 11:30 service at Community of Faith United Church of Christ, 9715 East River Road, Elyria with Reverend Kathryn Ketchum officiating. Burial will be in Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Township. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank, 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain 44053. Arrangements are in the care of Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Elyria. Visitation Community of Faith United Church of Christ Wednesday, March 04, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 9715 East River Rd. Elyria,



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OH 44035 Funeral Service Community of Faith United Church of Christ Wednesday,  
March 04, 2020 11:30 AM 9715 East River Rd. Elyria, OH 44035

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## Tribute Wall

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JJ

**Jennifer Jeffers** posted:

To all the teachers out there...you make a impact that you may not even realize. This is my third grade teacher and I loved her. When I got moved up from 2nd to 3rd grade, I was terrified. Leaving my friends, they were doing cursive, it was a whole different hallway even- (all scary stuff) -but seeing Dawn Marie helped that I knew somebody. Mrs Smith helped me adjust and catch up quickly and would ask me often if I was ok. But my biggest memory of her comes from LCCC. I was taking Spanish classes at the college at the time. We were having a breakfast and could invite anyone we wanted. I invited her and, to my shock, she accepted my invitation. So she met me at the college on a Saturday morning and we made huevos ranchero together. I was 7, maybe 8, and I still remember that like it was yesterday. RIP Mrs Smith Thank you for everything

March 6 at 8:00 PM

SK

**Sharon (Hadaway) Keesee** posted:

My sixth grade teacher at Hamilton School 1959 - 1960 school year. One of the best of my educational years. Such good times back then. Also worked with her husband Henry for 25 years at the Elyria Post Office. My condolences to son Ken, who was my age and in my class and the entire Smith family. May God bless you all.

March 2 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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