

formerly of Kearney, MO



Joyce Nadine "Cricket" Smith, 76, formerly of Kearney, MO, died on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 at Stonecrest @ Burlington Creek, Kansas City, MO.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 2018 at the St. John's Lutheran Church, in Lancaster, with Seth Montgomery officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Huron Cemetery, Old Huron, KS. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm until time of service at the church. The Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral home is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Joyce N. Harden was born on Jan. 25, 1942 in Old Huron, KS the daughter of Charles G. and Violet F. (Stirton) Harden. She graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1960. Cricket worked as a nurse's aide at Liberty Hospital for 17 years and then for Dr. Schroeder for 13 years retiring in 2012. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, KS and enjoyed scrap booking, attending Gospel Concerts, was an avid sports fan enjoying basketball and football especially the KC Royals and the Chiefs. She especially enjoyed her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was married to Robert "Bob" Smith, on March 17, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, KS. Mr. Smith survives of the home in Kearney, MO. Additional survivors include two sons, Rodney (Stacy) Smith, Littleton, CO, and Cory (Amy) Smith, Kearney, MO; four brothers, Charles (Mary) Harden, Mayetta, KS, Gary Harden, Lancaster, KS, Dean (Pam) Harden, Everest, KS, and Allen (Cindy) Harden, Lancaster, KS; two sisters, Boots Bowen, Parkville, MO, and Donna (Gary) Hegwood, Lancaster, KS; three grandchildren, Tucker , McKinley and Brinley. Her parents; two brothers, Pat and Bill Harden; and one sister, June Scholz, preceded Joyce in death.