

Saint Joseph, MO

Margaret Rose (Cook) Smith, 79, of St. Joseph, MO died on Monday, November 16th, 2020 at the Mosaic Life Center, St. Joseph, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 25th, 2020 at the Community Christian Church, 2009 Mason Rd, St. Joseph, MO with Rev. Tim Champ officiating. Burial will follow in the Sugar Creek Cemetery, Rushville, MO. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, 800 Kansas Ave, Atchison, KS. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Community Christian Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Remembrances and condolences may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).

Margaret was born on November 18, 1940 in Atchison, KS, the daughter of Hamp and Barbara (Rolfes) Cook. She attended Winthrop and Weston grade schools, graduating from Weston-Platte High School in 1958. From 1958-1961 Margaret worked at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Atchison, KS. She was married to Lee R. Smith on April 22, 1960 at the Rushville Christian Church. They have lived in either Missouri or Kansas all her life. She worked as a receptionist /assistant for Dr. Eugene Bribach for 18 years. Margaret worked as a sales clerk for March Furniture for over 28 years. She was a member of the King Hill Christian Church, St. Joseph, MO, formerly a member of the Rushville Christian Church and First Christian Church, Atchison, KS. Margaret enjoyed shopping, traveling, dancing and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Survivors include her husband and love of her life, Lee R. Smith, of the home, a brother, James W. Cook and his wife Debbie, Rushville, MO, a sister, Barbara Ann Huffman, Stanberry, MO, brother and sister-in-laws, Norman (Bonnie) Smith, St. Joseph, MO, Terry (Cheryl) Smith, Atchison, KS, nieces; Pam Sullivan, Covas, CA, Diane Riggs, Rushville, MO, Diane McGinley, Stanberry, MO, Becky Richeson, Excelsior Springs, MO, Anna Lutz, Rushville, MO, Jenny Surey, Aurora CO, Jessica Taylor, Blaine, KS, Ginger Valenti, Las Vegas, NV, Susan Hupp, Katy, TX, and Carrie Kovar, Ashburn, VA, nephews; Doug Wyatt, NE, Gregg Wyatt, Weston, MO, and Richard Cook, Warsaw, MO, several great nieces and nephews. Her parents, a brother, Thomas Cook, and sisters; Catherine Kovar and Georgia Gray, a nephew, Tommy Cook and a niece, Marguerite Marion preceded her in death.