



Mary Elizabeth Smith

December 11, 1929 - August 23, 2013

Mary E. Smith, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, August 23, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Mary Elizabeth Tryon was born December 11, 1929 in Schaller, Iowa. Mary was the daughter of Harry and Luella (Robinson) Tryon. Growing up she attended school and graduated from Schaller High School. Following high school, she earned her teaching certificate from the University of Northern Iowa and her Bachelor's Degree from Buena Vista University. Mary was united in marriage to Michael Q. Smith. Together they were blessed with eight children: Timothy, Thomas, David, Daniel, Mary Pen, Theodore, Anthony, and Rebecca. Mary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Elk's Club, an active member of the Democratic Party, an originator of Faith Hope and Charity in Storm Lake, and one of the original board members of the SOS store for St. Mary's Parish. She was a loving mother, farm wife, elementary teacher, and worked many years in public health. Mary's priority in life was her family and friends and living life to the fullest. She was passionate in everything she enjoyed including playing bridge, reading, decorating, collecting antiques, volunteering, and shopping for her own flare for style. Additionally, Mary embraced and admired the arts. Those left to cherish her memories include children: Tim (Janet) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa; David (Jane) Smith of Hagerstown, Maryland; Dan Smith of Yankton, South Dakota; Penny (Charlie) Neswick of Sioux City, Iowa; Ted (Julie) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa; and Tony Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa;

grandchildren: Todd (Jen) Smith; Tyler (Rebecca) Smith; Jason (Hollie) Smith; Chris (Desiree) Smith; Rachel, Matthew, and Peter Smith; Magan (Mark) Taylor; Nick and Lauren Smith; Josh and Chad Neswick; Colby (Katie) Smith; Travis and Evan Smith; Elaine and Paul Smith; great-grandchildren: Emily and Ellie Smith; Chloe and Cooper Smith; Jack Taylor; and Liam Johnson; brother, Harry Tryon of Texas; brother-in-law, Paul (Norma) Smith of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law, Rosemarie (Benny) Winkler of Laurens, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Mike; and her children, TQ and Rebecca.