



## Kathryn Renne Smith

June 15, 1993 - March 12, 2011

Kathryn Renee' Smith was born on June 15, 1993 to Mike and Karen (Neff) Smith in Pella, Iowa.

She was currently a student at Knoxville High School. She worked for the Knoxville Recreation Center and at Pine Knolls Country Club as a lifeguard and instructor. She began swimming for the Knoxville Stingray Swim Team at the age of five and swam on the high school swim team for Indianola High School. She qualified for several state swimming meets and qualified for the regional meet in Minnesota. Swimming was a large part of her life. She loved going by her swim name of Smitty. She swam competitively as well as teaching all her nieces and nephews and many other children and adults to swim and dive.

She was active in band during her junior high years and played both the clarinet and saxophone. She loved to sing and was a member of the concert choir her first three years of high school, and accomplished her dream of making the Chamber Choir her senior year. She loved the drama of the stage and loved to do the make-up and sound track for the musicals and other productions performed at junior and senior high.

Katie is survived by her father and step mother Robert M. Smith and Sandy; mother and step father Karen L. (Neff) Ray and Robert; her brothers and sisters Justin (Fawn) Staley, Jeff J. Staley, Bobbi Jo (Jeremy) Jamieson, Josh Ray, Heather (Matt) Julich, Meghan (Jay) Pratt, John A. Haines, Christopher L. (Amber) Haines, Robert M. (Heidi) Whelan, David M. (Heather) Whelan,

Timothy J. (Laura) Whelan; her grandpa Earl D. Neff. Her nieces and nephews Justin Louis Staley, Jr., Jazzilyn Kate Staley, Jolyssa Mari'lyn Staley Aala Grace Jamieson, Aidan Matthew Julich, Ambrose Ramon Julich, Amari Grayson Julich, Aalyse Sophia Julich, Ashley, Jason , Keegan, Logan Haines, Valerie, Courtney, Brady, Gracie, Briley Whelan. Katie is also survived by her aunts and uncles Dixie and Larry Moneysmith, Larry and Deb Neff, James and Michelle Neff, Donald Neff, Kathy and LeRoy Bates, Chris and Mark Huston, Dawn and Steve Blackford, Linda and Mike Lewis; and many cousins and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Charles and Jackie (Warren) Crandall and Gladys Mae and Howard E. Smith; and her aunts Charlotte and Carrie.

Kathryn passed away at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the age of 17 years, seven months, and 25 days. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Friday, March 18th, at Celebrate Community Church in Knoxville, with Pastor Brent Hanna officiating. Burial will follow services at the Concord Cemetery in rural Knoxville.

Visitation for Kathryn will be held from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Thursday, March 17th, also at the Celebrate Community Church, with Kathryn's family present.

In Lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Blank Hospital. Condolences may be sent to [www.winfieldfh.com](http://www.winfieldfh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathryn Renne Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Kathryn Renne Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*We are so very sorry for your loss and pray that God may give you the peace and comfort that you need during this very difficult time.*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Justin and Sarah Kingrey*

Justin & Sarah Kingrey - March 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Im so sorry to here about Katie's passing I met her for the first time when I came up from Georgia her smiling at me and saying Hi how are you Im Katie Tanners Girlfriend...very nice lady I thought and wished I wouldve gotten to know her more...Prayers are with the Family*

Danny Church - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“Katie you will be missed by everyone. You have taught half the City of Knoxville's kids how to swim and they trusted you. You were a great kid with a big heart. May you have peace and be watching over all of us now.

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**Shauna/Jane Schmitt** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“Karen-Jeff and family.

*Katie was always so happy and loved to swim. I haven't seen her in a long while, but I am sure she was loved by many including me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.*

*Sincerely,*

*PJ Garner*

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**PJ Garner** - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“I am very sorry to hear of Katie's passing! My deepest sympathy for You and the family at this very hard time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all close to her.

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**Sue Elliott-Hudson** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“We are so sorry to hear the news about Katie's passing, Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and to her many friends.

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**Anita@MikesTowing** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Katie was a beautiful young lady! She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Rebecca McDowell** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Katie's passing. It was a pleasure taking care of her. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sincerely,*

*Holly RN*

*Blank Children's*

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**Holly RN** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took his hand when I heard his call.  
I turned back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys---  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things we too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee God wanted me now, he set  
me free

We loves Ya Katie

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**Deb Meyer** - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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