



Tanya Sue Smith

June 3, 1975 - September 30, 2024

Tanya Sue Smith, age 49, of Lovilia, IA, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024, at her home.

Tanya was born on June 3, 1975, in Albia, IA, to Vicky Lynn Smith. She grew up in Marysville, attending high school at Twin Cedars and later studied at DMACC. Tanya had multiple jobs over the years, ending her working career at Pella Corp.

Tanya made many friends over the years. Some loved to follow her singing career where she was known as Insane Jane or Tanya Mayfield. She had a passion and love for nature, animals and music. She had many cats and her heart horse she lost, Rocket. Tanya loved spending time with family and friends. She was always trying to make people laugh and was always a kid at heart. She loved spending time with and spoiling her nieces and nephews whenever she could. She also loved her roses and gardening and enjoyed thrift shopping.

Tanya is survived by her father, Dave (Julie) Knox and stepfather, Mark (Sandy) DeHeer; 4 brothers, Nathan (Terri) DeHeer, Derek (Katie) DeHeer, Willis Knox, and Parker Knox; her sister from another mother, Sharon Keegel; and her nieces and nephews, Quincy, Brooklea, Audrey, and Riley DeHeer. Tanya is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and good friends.

Tanya is preceded in death by her mother, Vicky Lynn Smith; grandparents, Richard and Geraldine Smith, Lee and Martha Knox, and Leroy "Sox" and Shirley DeHeer; and an uncle, Dale E. Kline.

"The hole she has left in our hearts can never be filled. She will be truly missed by the many lives she touched through her life and music. We all love you."

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Tanya's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor John Sowers officiating. Burial will follow services at Marysville Cemetery in Marysville, Iowa.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Marysville Cemetery

Marysville, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EA

“ I hired Tanya at Alco in Knoxville WAY back in the late 1980's, after her Aunt Tes referred her to me. Tes was probably my best right-hand EVER, so it wasn't too hard to take a flyer on her unbelievably cute and funny niece Tanya Smith. Her crazy antics and fun-loving nature almost immediately endeared her to everyone at work, and we became good friends. After Alco, we kept in touch, and I was lucky to call her my friend. Years later, she was more than happy to put her vocal talents to use singing at my wedding, 11-30-96, at the Central College Chapel in Pella. It was stunning, and my wife Rachel and I were both so blessed to have Tanya as part of our ceremony. I talked to her here and there over the years, but never regularly enough. Now that she is gone, I only pray that she can rest in peace, knowing that she definitely left a mark on all of us whose lives she touched. Godspeed, Tanya Sue Smith.

Eric Agans - October 07, 2024 at 10:06 AM



Thank you Eric 💕

Tes Kline - October 07, 2024 at 04:34 PM

PO

“ i will always remember the laughs we shared while working at Neodata...you were a good kid.and you will be missed

patty orr - October 05, 2024 at 07:44 PM

HF

“ Heather, Peggy, Marty and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Tanya Sue Smith.



Heather, Peggy, Marty and family - October 04, 2024 at 11:12 PM

HF

“ Heather, Peggy, Marty and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Sue Smith.

Heather, Peggy, Marty and family - October 04, 2024 at 11:12 PM

SC

“ Shelli Cavan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tanya Sue Smith.



Shelli Cavan - October 04, 2024 at 11:04 PM

SC

“ Shelli Cavan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Sue Smith.

Shelli Cavan - October 04, 2024 at 11:04 PM

TG

“ The Bennett girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tanya Sue Smith.

The Bennett girls - October 04, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Tanya Sue Smith.*



October 04, 2024 at 06:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tanya Sue Smith.*



October 04, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *I have years of great memories with Tanya. Along with so many others, my heart hurts and can't wrap my head around never hearing her laugh or seeing that big, infectious smile again. Rest easy, my sweet friend. I love you.*



Darby (Dykstra) Natale - October 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM



So many years of memories with you. Love many others, I'm struggling hard with knowing I'll never hear that infectious laugh or see that big, beautiful smile again. Rest easy, my sweet friend. I love you.

Darby (Dykstra) Natale - October 03, 2024 at 03:12 PM

LE

“ *Linda Eklofe lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith*



Linda Eklofe - October 03, 2024 at 09:03 AM

TH

“ *We r so sorry for the Family's loss may she RIP & may God wrap his loving arms around U all in this difficult time*

Tim Hol - October 02, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ *Kelly Nichols lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith*



Kelly Nichols - October 02, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JF

“ *Jennifer Ford lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith*

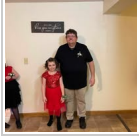


Jennifer Ford - October 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DE

“ *<https://www.reverbnation.com/tanyamayfield>*

Debbie - October 02, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ *I don't know what to say other than until we meet again tanya.* ”



Dennis Smith - October 02, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Tanya . All of her growing years her growing up years , Tanya spent in Marysville . She spent a good share of her time with our daughter , Sharon . Always until they graduated from Twin Cedars and they drifted in and out of each others lives . It is hard to fathom our life without her in it . Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and may God grant you peace and comfort now and in the days .* ”

Mary & Robert Pinegar - October 02, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith* ”



Teresa smith - October 02, 2024 at 08:55 AM



“ *Lee Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Tanya Sue Smith* ”



Lee Smith - October 02, 2024 at 04:11 AM



“ *Lee Smith lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith*



Lee Smith - October 02, 2024 at 04:07 AM



Tanya will always be remembered for her beautiful smile

Lee Smith - October 02, 2024 at 04:10 AM

BD

“ *Beth Dawson & Family* ♥



Beth Dawson - October 02, 2024 at 02:01 AM

KD

“ *Such a big personality in such a little thing.
Gone to soon but will never be forgotten!*



Kimmmie DeBrouse - October 02, 2024 at 12:16 AM

RS

“ I sent this to her a couple months ago when i was going threw moms pictures and she said it was one of her favorite childhood pictures



Richard Simmons - October 01, 2024 at 11:32 PM

BD

“ Brooks And Kelley DeHeer lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith



Brooks and Kelley DeHeer - October 01, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ Victoria Johnson lit a candle in memory of Tanya Sue Smith



Victoria Johnson - October 01, 2024 at 09:58 PM