



Lois Jeanne Smith

October 24, 1956 - June 11, 2025

Lois J. Smith, 68, formerly of Willow Street passed away at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community where she resided the last few years on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. Born in Lancaster on October 24, 1956, she was the daughter of the late John M. and Grace I. Gerlach Newswanger. She was the wife of Dale W. Smith, with whom she married on September 30, 1995.

Lois graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1974. She went on to graduate from Millersville University in 1978 with a degree in Music Education. Lois had a true passion for music, playing flute, guitar and piano. She was a music teacher with the former Don Randall Music Shop and taught flute to many throughout the years. When she married Dale and began to attend the former First Church of God in Lancaster, now known as Chestnut Hill Church, she participated in all the music programs and was choral director at one point. She enjoyed her job at Sight and Sound Theater where she worked in guest services. Lois enjoyed scrap booking, especially with the Scrappy Scrappers that met at Grace Church at Willow Valley.

Lois will be dearly missed by her husband, Dale of Quarryville and her step daughters, Laura M., wife of Andrew Strausner of Willow Street and Connie L., wife of David Feeser of Lancaster and granddaughters, Madison, Lisa and McKenzie. Lois is also survived by her brother, Duane E., husband of Bonnie Newswanger of Lancaster and her sisters, Diane C., wife of Kevin Kirkpatrick

of Terre Hill and Carol K. Haggerty of Maytown. She was preceded in death by her sister, Dawn E. Newswanger.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lois' Memorial Service on June 23, 2025 at 2PM from the Ellingsworth Auditorium at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Center, 625 Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville, PA. Friends will be received prior to the service from 1PM to 2PM. Private interment will be held in the Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery

399 E. Penn Grant Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community
625 Robert Fulton Highway
Quarryville, PA 17565

Memorial Service

JUN 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lois Jeanne Smith.*



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“ *Dale has been my friend since we were buddies together from Lampeter. I know his daughters Connie and Laura were the light of his life but Lois and he shared a special love that enriched both of their lives. Lois was his steady hand that helped Dale do what he loved. Lois was his perfect helpmate and steady hand. Lois's talents enriched both their lives and Lois loved being a great wife! Thank you Lois for being a wonderful person and perfect mate for my friend Dale. I will miss you!*

Thank you, Walt Baumbach

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