



Helen L. Smith

December 24, 1922 - September 8, 2007

Helen Lorraine (Diringer) Smith, 84, formerly of Dansville, Henrietta and Syracuse, New York went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 8, 2007. She was born on December 24, 1922 in Syracuse, New York, the daughter of Edward and Anna May (Millard) Diringer. Helen was a true homemaker and excellent cook and baker whose family meant everything to her. She loved dogs and was an avid reader. She was predeceased by Stanley, her devoted husband for 58 years and a special niece, Babsy (Rieth) Simpson who she called "her first little girl".

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Robert Falter of Bridgeport, New York, Diane and Duane Bowen of Avon, New York and Jeannine Cork of Wayland, New York; sons and daughters-in-law, Garry and Robin of Athens Twp., Pennsylvania and Brian and Kendra of Prattsburgh, New York; a sister, Margaret Reith of Cheektowaga, New York; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Mary Diringer of Kirkville, New York; 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. She spent her last two years in loving care at Conesus Lake Nursing Home at Livonia, New York.

Calling hours will be Thursday, September 13, 2007, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York with the funeral service to immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral

home. Burial will be in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing may make donations in her name to The Conesus Lake Nursing Home Activities Fund, 6131 Big Tree Road, Livonia, New York 14487 or The Livingston County DOH (Hospice) #2 Livingston County Campus, Mt. Morris, New York 14510-1691.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen L. Smith*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *May you rest in peace my dear Aunt Helen with Uncle Stanley. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all my cousins. Love Darlene*

September 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ A life that touches the hearts of others lives on forever”. I have been so very blessed in my life to have had not one wonderful mom, but two wonderful moms. When my mother passed away in December of 1983, she passed the torch to my other mom, Helen, who so willingly and without hesitation accepted it. Helen never really felt like a mother-in-law to me. From the very beginning, she was truly my Mom. She and dear Stanley accepted me instantly into the family with that unconditional love that only a parent can give. Because of their love I met and married the love of my life and gained a brood of siblings I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. How is it one woman gave so much happiness? We all were constantly in her thoughts - giving of herself to us before she gave consideration to herself. Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you" - and Helen did just that. Always. So, Mom, I am grateful that you are no longer suffering and in pain. I know your beautiful smile is shining so brightly in heaven now that you are reunited with our dear little dad and our other loved ones who have gone on before. Thank you for helping to make my life what it is today. I will lovingly hold all my memories in the special corner of my heart forever, and I will look forward to the day we will meet again.

September 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To my dear Grandma, You hold such a special place in my heart. You will be missed by so many because of the wonderful person you were. I am truly grateful for having you and Grandpa in my life and for the amazing family you created through so much love and caring. I thank God that you are at peace now. I love you so much.
Jill

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I just wanted to thank you for making Heather's family the most warm and inviting family I've ever met in my life, because without you I know it wouldn't have been possible. I wish I could have gotten to know you more in the almost 8 years I've been with Heather. But know that my heart hurts to know how much you've touched all of these people's lives and hearts that mean so much to me and know you'll always hold a special spot in mine. The only thing I can say is that I hope Stanley is holding you tight and showing you the love you deserve now that your in his arms again. We love you and may God hold you forever in our hearts.

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Great Grandma Molly-dog, I'll miss your beautiful smile! love, "your little pollock"

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ No family could be so blessed as ours to have had the best Grandma and Grandpa in the world. I'm sorry that I can not be there, but my last visit was good, and you know that you're in my heart. I have so many great memories that I cannot list them all, but I will always remember and cherish the times when I spent the night with you and we made breakfast together and played cards all day. I know that you are with grandpa again and you are happy. Until we are together again... I love you!

September 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Garry, Sorry to hear about your mom. My prayers are with you.
Pastor Steve Reynolds, Waverly, NY

September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mom, I keep typing things over and over again and keep erasing them to try to say them better. But my message is always the same. I'm so fortunate that you were my mom. We had so many wonderful times together. And no matter how bad you were feeling these past few years you always gave me your most beautiful smile whenever I came to see you. I love you.

September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma, You will be greatly missed. We know you are with Grandpa now in a better place. We will remember and love you forever and always. Rest in peace.

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We always have shoulders to lean on!

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the whole family during this difficult time. May the comfort of knowing Helen is with God bring you peace.

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To my dear sweet grandma molly-dog, I cant thank god enough for blessing me with such a loving grandma! And I'm so grateful I was able to have you for as long as I did! I miss the days when we would go and visit you and grandpa. You were always so happy to see us!! I'll never forget when I was on the swing and my hair got tangeled around the rope, I think mom had to cut it out!! My heart doesn't hurt so much knowing your at peace and back in grandpa's arms! Whenever I sit by a fire and feel the wind blow I'll know my two guardian angels are watching over me:) I love you and I miss you so much!All my love, Heather

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandma, You will be greatly missed. We know you are with Grandpa now in a better place. We will always remember the wonderful memories you have left us with and will carry you in our hearts forever. Love you so much!Your Grand-daughter, Wendy and Family

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I helped take car of Helen at the nursing home until I had an injury... What a beautiful picture of her. She was a joy to take care of always a kind word. I would strike up a conversation with her about how she had a beautiful family from the pictures on the wall and her responce would to brag and say ""I know they are beautiful. Wish I knew her in her better years.God Bless you all my prayers and thoughts are with you all.

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I have to be the luckiest guy in the world to have had Aunt Helen ... so many happy memories that make me smile - I love you.

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Mom, I am so glad you are at peace now. It has been a long road for you. You were the best mother and role model. You could not have been more loved and I will miss you until we meet again. With all my love,Jeannine

September 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My dear Grandma, I love you so much. I will miss you in this world but we will see each other again in due time Tell gramps I love him and tell him to leave some fish for me to catch up there.. you dont need your wheel chair now that you have wings.Love your grandson,Matt

September 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM