



## Marion J. Smith

December 17, 1925 - April 22, 2008

Marion J. (DeAlberti, Heid, Shattell) Smith, 82, passed from this life on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 having survived cancer for five and a half years. She was a lifetime resident of the Syracuse, New York area born on December 17, 1925, the daughter of Julia (Saule) and Angelo De'Alberti. Her father died in 1926 and when her mother remarried she took her stepfather's name, "Heid".

Marion graduated from Marcellus High School in 1943 and was a dedicated member of the reunion committee. After graduation Marion trained as an administrative assistant and worked at local corporations, including Carrier Corporation.

In 1948 Marion married Leon K. Shattell and together they raised their three children and established what would become a very success business currently known as Atlas Bituminous Co., Inc. In the early years of their marriage, they owned and operated the Salina Drive-In in Nedrow, New York. As a couple, Leon and Marion were also instrumental in bringing Modern Western Square Dancing, an advanced form of traditional square dancing, to Central New York. They encourage the dance form to all ages, especially youth, by holding weekly dances in the basement of their home in Sentinel Heights. They help establish an annual event at the Onondaga County War Memorial which brought several thousand square dancers to Syracuse.

Marion's first husband, Leon, died in December of 1974. At the time, Leon and Marion were seeking a major expansion in their business. Marion decided to go ahead with the expansion, investing and giving personal guarantees. This proved to be a prudent business decision for with the help of the management skills of her brother-in-law and co-owner, Robert Shattell, the business flourished. Marion remained on the board of Atlas Bituminous for many years and continued as a consultant to the firm until her death.

In 1977 Marion married Correctional Officer Sgt. John Smith. She helped raise his three children. Marion and John moved from Sentinel Heights, New York to Jamesville, New York in 1983 where they became very active at St Mary's Church. John died in June of 1998.

Marion was a devout Catholic. She taught religious education for 45 years. She was a member of the St. James Altar and Rosary Society and was an active communicant of St. Mary's Church and most recently St. Therese Church. She worked with the clergy to provide financial and spiritual support to struggling families. Marion also volunteered weekly at Van Duyn Home and Hospital.

Marion was an avid bowler. She bowled in weekly leagues including the St. James Bowling League right up until February of this year.

Marion was exceptionally supportive of her children and grandchildren, seldom missing any of their academic or sporting events. She was known by thousands of student athletes for her enthusiastic cheering at Bishop Ludden, CBA, Jamesville-Dewitt, Manlius-Pebble Hill, Huntington School, Henninger High School and East Side Soccer.

Marion spent much of her last years traveling to such places as Las Vegas, Hawaii, Wyoming (for her granddaughter's wedding), Yankee games and the

Turning Stone Casino.

Marion Smith is survived by her daughter, Charmaine (Timothy) Jones of DeWitt, New York and son, James Shattell of Syracuse, New York. She was predeceased by her son Leon Shattell Jr. in 1997. Also surviving are step-children, Jay (Lynn) Smith, Kathleen Smith and Teresa (Craig) Surber; grandchildren, Tina (Brett) Knapp-Nelson, Jessica (Cory Weigand) Jones, Andr Shattell, and Dehliarose Birdlebough-Shattell; step-grandchildren are Brian Jones, Eiron (Rusty) Smith, Patrick Williams, Robert Schrader, Christopher, Catlin and Courtney Smith, Sam and Joe Hickmann, Ashley and Travis Surber; step-great grandchildren, Reed Jones and Whitney Smith.

Calling hours will be Sunday, April 27, 2008. 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 28, 2008, 9:15 a.m. Prayers at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York and 10:00 a.m. Mass at St Therese Church, 1304 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

Following the mass, Marion will be laid to rest at St Mary's Cemetery, 4100 E. Genesee Stret, Dewitt, New York.

Contributions may be made to Van Duyn Home & Hospital, Nursing Fund, 5075 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York 13215.

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home** - April 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Shattell and Smith family*

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July 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *MARION, YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL THAT YOU TOUCHED. YOU WERE A BRIGHT LIGHT IN MY LIFE, AND THOUGH THE LIGHT IS OUT, IT STILL BURNS BRIGHT. MY DAUGHTERS CRY EVERYTIME WE TALK ABOUT THEIR GRANDMOTHER AND HOW MUCH WE ALL WILL MISS HER. MARION, I HOPE EVERYTHING IS AS YOU HOPED FOR AND MUCH MORE. Jay*

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April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Marion was a pleasant and energetic soul. I remember her from years and years of waitressing at IHOP. When ever she would stop in everyone was always happy to see her and hear about her grandchildren who's lives she was so involved in. She will be missed. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and let his everlasting love shine on you in the days to follow.

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April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My Aunt Marion, my godmother, never forgot one single holiday or birthday for our children. They are in their 20's now and I don't think she met them more than once or twice but she still sent cards and notes of encouragement to them all the time. When I was small, she bought me an easy bake oven! I loved that thing! The best memory I have of her though, is her absolute undying love of the Lord Jesus. Her love for the elderly and her family as well as her church family was exemplary as an example of servanthood to the Lord's plan for us. We can all learn something from such a wonderful woman. I look forward to the day we meet in heaven again. Love forever, Suzanne

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April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Many great times in the square dance world for many years. Truly a lovable, kind, generous woman that loved her family and friends. Would do anything to help make a happening memorable. She will be missed by many.

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April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Charmaine, Tina & Family - I met you at Loretto. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Rachele

April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember the time we spent at your Mom's house when I was small. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

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“ What a great lady. Would see her all over town and always think what an energetic lady! Fond memories of her from J-D sports and St. Mary's church. You were all blessed to have her in your lives.

April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Words cannot describe what an Angel you have been to my family and I. Since I was a little girl you've been there for me and I can't thank you enough. I know that you will continue to look over me and guide me through the right paths in life. You are my guardian Angel. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 God Bless you Grandma Marion

April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ a very kind and generous woman marion was.always making sure our family had everything we needed.we love you marion and appreciate all that you have done.rest in peace we love you and will never forgot how you have been there for our family and your outgoing personality.

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April 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ ill miss you marion but i know that you are in a better place.its gonna be much brighter with your kind outgoing personality.may you rest in peace and god bless.

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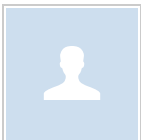
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“ I first met Marion when I started walking the religious ed children to St. Marys about 10 years ago. A couple of thoughts come to mind when I first met her. First,was the love that she had for the kids and the patience. Second,was the spunk that she had for a older person. Then,I started working the funeral luncheons at St. Marys and Marion was on the commitee and she would always do whatever she could to help out.She always had a story to tell that would put you in stiches. Marion was a wonderful person that will be very much missed. God Bless you Marion!

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April 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Heaven just got a little brighter. What a beautiful picture of a truly wonderful and happy woman. I know everyone has many great memories to help carry on her spirit.

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“ *I loved you from the day you married my brother. God has opened his arms to embrace you. I shall miss you always. My world is a little sader.*

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“ *Marion taught my 3 children religious education at St. Mary's Church. I also had the priviledge of teaching religious education with Marion. She loved all the children. She was a loving,warm and remarkable person who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

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