



Jeanne Mae Smith

August 25, 1945 - January 29, 2026

Jeanne Mae Smith, a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished sister, and proud grandmother, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at her home in Deer Lodge, Montana, at the age of 80.

Jeanne was born on August 25, 1945, in Missoula, Montana, to Leo and Gladys Bush. She spent much of her life rooted in Deer Lodge, where she lived since 1966 and became a well-known and deeply respected member of the community.

In March 1964, Jeanne married the love of her life, Dennis Smith. Together they built a life centered on family, hard work, and caring for others. Their marriage was a testament to enduring love, partnership, and commitment.

Jeanne was a woman of remarkable compassion and strength. She dedicated her professional life to serving others, working as an EMT for the Powell County Ambulance, pressman, a CNA in the nursing home and at the Montana State Prison where she was a steady and familiar presence for many years. She was known for her reliability and for always being there when she was needed. An avid reader, Jeanne found joy in books throughout her life. She also enjoyed painting rocks with cheerful messages, a simple but heartfelt way she brought smiles to others. Jeanne loved cards and board games and treasured the time spent gathered around the table with family, where laughter, friendly competition, and meaningful memories were made.

Known for her quick wit and good sense of humor, Jeanne had a way of making people laugh and feel at ease. Her warmth, kindness, and steady presence made her a constant source of comfort to those who knew her.

Jeanne is survived by her beloved husband, Dennis Smith; her children, Duane (Ronda), Dale (Amy), and Linda (James); 13 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Bonnie (Dick), David (Mary), Rick (Debbie), Penny, Cindy (Ray), Stephanie (Steve), and Cheryl (Kelly); as well as many extended family members and friends.

She will be remembered for her loving heart, sharp mind, joyful spirit, and the countless memories shared around the table with those she loved most.

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