



Emily Irene Smithern

July 17, 1927 - December 25, 2011

Emily Irene Smithern, 84, passed away December 25, 2011. She was born July 17, 1927, the daughter of Edwin and Eva Leona Bartlett Riley in LaCyne, Kansas. After graduating from high school in 1945, Irene began her career as a secretary which she practiced until her retirement. She married E. J. (Red) Chandler and they were parents of 2 children. E.J. passed away in 1969 and she later married Raymond Smithern who also preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Esta Brown of Osawatomie, Kansas. Irene was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxillary in Mound City, Kansas. Irene moved to the Brighton area from Arkansas City, Kansas, in 1996. She was an active member of the Berean Baptist Church, Bolivar. Irene is survived by a son, Greg A. Chandler and wife Ruth, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughter Barbara Lingo and husband David of Brighton; a sister, Margaret Wilson of Mound City, Kansas; 5 grandchildren, Kristi Hudgins and husband Scott, of Bogata, Colombia; Kelli Garms and husband Mark of Springfield,; Karri Joy Perry and husband Dave of Brighton; Jennifer Tucker and husband Jeremiah of Ketchikan, AK.; Timothy Chandler and wife Christa of Virginia Beach, VA.; and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar, with Scott Hudgins and Dave Perry officiating. Interment will be at 3:00 PM, Wednesday December 28, 2011 at Green Valley Cemetery, Osawatomie, Kansas. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

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“ *Emily Irene Smithern*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



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January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Please accept my condolences. God truly wants you to look to him for comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 helps us to appreciate that he is the Father of tender mercies and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulations. When his son, Jesus, walked the earth he pointed towards the resurrection. At John 11:25 he stated "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." This resurrection gives you and me the hope of being reunited with our loved ones. I eagerly await the time when the "enemy death will be brought to nothing." (1 Corinthians 15:25,26) I have confidence in all of the above because Titus 1:2 tells us that God can not lie. It is my hope that you are strengthened by these thoughts. May you read them from your own copy of the bible.*

I Smith - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just want to let you know that I am praying for you. The loss is great but I pray that God will comfort you in the days that follow.*
Anna Marie West

Anna Marie West - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I passed Irene's house in Ark City recently which caused me to wonder about her because I had not heard from her in years. I used to be a hairdresser and loved our visits when she would come in to see me. She was a beautiful person both inside and out. I am sorry to hear of her death. Many prayers for her family.

Teresa Whitener - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM