



## Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith

July 5, 1949 - July 16, 2024

AYER; Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith, 75, of Ayer, died Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at Boston Medical Center, Boston.

Marion was born in Lawrence, July 5, 1949, the daughter of the late Robert and Marion Ruth (Ludwig) O'Connell and was a 1967 graduate of Lawrence High School.

Marion leaves her husband of 54 years, Russell E. Smith, Sr; her son and daughter in law, Russell E. and Mary-Elise Smith of Winter Garden FL; her daughter, Jennifer R. Souza of Shirley; three grandchildren, Jacqueline Smith, Samantha Souza and Emily Souza.

Marion was active in several community activities including the 4th of July Committee as well as a Registrar of Voters at the Polls. Her favorite times were, by far, the time spent with her grandchildren.

Marion's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Thursday, July 18, 2024 at the Anderson Funeral Home, (Rte 2A) Ayer. [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Friday, July 19, 2024 in the funeral home. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caleb Butler Masonic Lodge,  
Building Fund, 11 Sculley Road, Ayer, MA 01432

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home  
25 Fitchburg Road  
Ayer, MA 01432  
info@andersonfuneral.com

## Funeral Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

# Tribute Wall

LV

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers. Many memories of her and she will be missed!* ”

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**Louisa Vaira** - July 18, 2024 at 10:59 AM

AG

“ *Academy glass purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.* ”



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**Academy glass** - July 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

AG

“ *Academy glass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.* ”

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**Academy glass** - July 17, 2024 at 10:02 AM

EE

“ *Edward E. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.* ”



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**Edward E.** - July 17, 2024 at 08:47 AM

EE

“ Edward E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.

Edward E. - July 17, 2024 at 08:47 AM

S.

“ S.Cyr purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.



S.Cyr - July 16, 2024 at 08:18 PM

S.

“ S.Cyr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.

S.Cyr - July 16, 2024 at 08:18 PM

TF

“ The Doig Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.



The Doig Family - July 16, 2024 at 08:06 PM

NA

“ I am so sorry to hear of Marion's passing; she was one of a kind. A straight forward and strong woman. Proud to have known her.  
Nancy Breen

Nancy - July 16, 2024 at 05:43 PM

LW

“ I'm going to miss all those hours of telephone conversations. You always told it like it was, so many great family memories.  
Thank you so much for being my Sister-in Law. I love you. Linda

Linda Williams - July 16, 2024 at 04:04 PM

LF

“ Linda & Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.



Linda & Family - July 16, 2024 at 03:48 PM

DB

“ Daniel M Bonsteel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.



Daniel M Bonsteel - July 16, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DB

“ I'm Dan Bonsteel from Minnesota. I was in the Army when I met Marion. I've was stationed at Ft Devens in Ayer from October '66- July '67. I met her at some USO event & began hitchhiking to Lawrence to see her every weekend. I remember her mother very well as she was sooooo nice to me. Marion & I became very close & fell in love. I was her date for her high school prom. We were engaged to be married just before I was transferred to Germany in July of '67. Due to being so far apart, the relationship didn't last. I was very sad about that, but in those days, the long distance that separated us was very difficult to overcome. She did send the ring I gave her back to me. Then, several years ago, Marion found me on Facebook & we continued our friendship. We would chit-chat about sports & other things & I was happily surprised that she was now living in Ayer. We really kept in touch a lot & I enjoyed it immensely. I am very saddened & disappointed to learn of her passing. She was always a happy, pleasant person in my life. My cell phone # is 612-419-9089 & my email address is Goldrush39@q.com. I would enjoy it so much if a member of the family would contact me, thanks so much

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**Daniel Bonsteel** - July 16, 2024 at 01:21 PM

DB

I last heard from her on 6/18/24. I asked her how many NBA Championships the Celtics have won & she answered a shitload. That was very funny & very recently. Can anyone please tell why she went so quickly & what was the cause of death. She was sooooo chatty with me, the last several years. I'm very stunned by losing her, thanks, Dan Bonsteel

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**Daniel Bonsteel** - July 16, 2024 at 04:17 PM

KG

“ Kevin and Belinda Williams and girls purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Marion D. (O'Connell) Smith.



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**Kevin and Belinda Williams and girls** - July 16, 2024 at 01:13 PM

KG

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**Kevin and Belinda Williams and girls** - July 16, 2024 at 01:13 PM