



## Norma Smith

June 21, 1925 - April 20, 2016

With infinite sorrow, the family mourns the passing of Norma Smith on April 20, 2016 at the age of 90. She was born in Lovington, New Mexico to Little Claude Cox and Ila May Epps Cox on June 21, 1925.

Being raised on a farm east of Lovington gave Norma a passion for being outdoors and a love of gardening. One of many great accomplishments in Norma's life, is the founding of Roswell's first credit bureau. She was a member of numerous local and state clubs and organizations. Norma was an avid collector of paintings and figurines as well.

Norma is survived by her beloved husband, Howard Smith, whom she married in 1976 in San Francisco. Preceding Norma in death is her first husband, Homer Glover, whom she married in 1956 in Datil, NM.

Loved ones who preceded Norma in death are: parents, Little Claude and Ila May Cox; sisters: Mavis Hartman, Amolene McIntosh; brothers, Herbert Cox, Kenneth Cox; and daughter, Mary Lynn Blythe.

Those remaining to cherish Norma's memory are: her precious poodle, Spike, step-sons, Vance Smith of Michigan, Tony Smith of Ohio, Craig Smith of Colorado, and step-daughter, Kim Williams of California. Additional survivors include numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be April 23, 2016, 8:00AM to 5:00PM and April 24, 2016, 1:00PM to 5:00PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held April 25, 2016, 11:00AM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel with Burial to follow at South Park Cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearers will be John Coll and Jim Parker.

Those honored to serve as Pallbearers are: WP McIntosh, Jeff Jasper, Mark Beeman, Steve Cox, Eric Rittenhouse and Brian Milstead.

The family would like to acknowledge the following Special Friends of Norma's: Her Dog – SPIKE, Yolanda & Town Country Beauty Shop, Mona and Melissa (in home care givers and friends), Gentiva Hospice (caring for Norma and her family) and Visiting Angles.

Please take a moment to share your love and support for the Smith family, in memory of Norma, in the online register at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

Services are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norma Smith*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Howard and Norma Smith Family*

*It was a sad day to learn of Norma's passing. During this time of bereavement please know Norma, her family and friends are in our families thoughts.*

*Having known Norma for many years when first meeting as a child who was a friend of our parents, and then getting to know her better over the many years residing in Roswell, her unique, generous and loving ways will always be remembered. And, just as our mother who also recently passed, Norma's friendly demeanor, twinkle of his eyes and smile will be retained when thinking of her.*

*Norma was fortunate to have had a long and healthy life with family, many friends and kind nature. Please know that just as her family, friends, and this friend, we all have many fond memories to cherish and provide comfort during this time of bereavement.*

*With kind thoughts and regards, I remain,*

*Respectfully,  
Tom Jennings*

Tom Jennings - April 27, 2016 at 12:34 PM

RM

“ Howard and family, I am so sorry to hear of Norma's passing. She was a wonderful person and a great wife. I send you my deepest sympathies and pray that you will find comfort in these trying days.  
rick m.

rick m. - April 26, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Norma's passing! She was such a dear sweet lady! We are praying for Howard and the family! Stan and Billie Jo Divis

Jeri Key - April 26, 2016 at 12:18 AM

JA

“ She was indeed a joy and a great lady. Always fun to be with. Although it has been awhile, please accept the love and best wishes from friends. Sincerely, Jena Amaral, R.N.

Jena Amaral - April 23, 2016 at 12:01 PM

 Alise  
McPheete

“ Grandma was the sweetest soul, the best heart and always made you feel loved just by being in the room with her. You couldn't help but just smile we lost the best soul but heaven gained a wonderful one. She will be severely missed

Alise McPheeters - April 21, 2016 at 08:51 AM

BT

“ *Grandma Norma had a strong and loving soul. She was always able to light up a room just by being present. She would make a point to talk with everyone individually and listen like you were the only one there. She has granted me with many loving, funny memories of her banter with Grandpa. She would sit with me and give me a knowing look when Grandpa joked with her. I will miss her reassuring hand on my arm and her quick banter to make me laugh. God rest her soul and take care of her. The world lost a great soul and she will surely be missed.*

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**Brittany Taylor** - April 21, 2016 at 08:40 AM