



## Kathleen Marie Smith

January 15, 1959 - September 15, 2021

Kathleen Marie Smith, 62, of Statesville, NC passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 after a brief illness.

She was born on January 15, 1959 in Oneonta NY, and was the 4th (and youngest) child born to Albert and Elsie Nigro. She attended Oneonta middle and high school. Initially after school, she was a mother and a homemaker to her daughter Christine. But later decided to enter the workforce. In a strange twist of fate, that's where Kathy met her soul mate Richard Smith III. While working for the Otsego County Meals on Wheels program in Cooperstown, they fell in love. In 1999, together, they decided to move to NC to begin their lives together. They were married on Nov 11, 2001. Shortly after moving to North Carolina, Kathy began working at Bradford Brothers, later to be called Northstar. There she had many colleagues, who turned into friends, and many became close like family.

Kathy was a natural and life-long care giver, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, traveling to the beach and was a woman of God. She never met a pet she didn't like. She was an avid animal lover and had a special way with dogs and cats. She lavished attention on her own pets, and Rich and Alex never knew if they were coming home to a new pet.

She was predeceased by her father Albert; and her sister Patricia.

She is survived by her husband, Richard of Statesville NC; daughter, Christine Falsetta of Sidney NY; stepdaughter, Cheryl Springer of Hartwick, NY; son, James Chicorelli of Sidney, NY; and several grandchildren. She is also

survived by her mother, Elsie Nigro; sister, Connie Nader; and brother, Tom Nigro. Kathy will be missed by many other family members and friends whose lives she touched throughout her life.

There will be no calling hours or services at Kathy's wishes. There will be a gathering at Lake Norman State Park Kingfisher Pavilion from 1:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, October 23, 2021 to celebrate the life of this incredible woman. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made Villalobos Rescue Center, either online or mail, PO Box 39 Napoleonville, LA 70390. Kathy had a true passion for animals and for keeping them safe and finding them homes. It was often the family joke that she would fill her home up with all of the stray animals if she could.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Smith family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Gathering

OCT **23**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Lake Norman State Park Kingfisher Pavilion

# Tribute Wall

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“ I delivered coffee at the business. I had always looked forward to coming by and seeing Kathy . We always had a joke and a laugh and she was one of my favorite customers to work with. I don't believe I had ever seen her unhappy. Many times she brightened my day. Every time I go to the business I will always be reminded of her. I think she would want me to smile and be happy . Jim Quinn Primo water services.

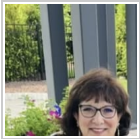
jim quinn - October 04, 2021 at 09:48 AM

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“ Many memories over the last 40 years of my mother. She was my best friend, and as best friends do, we fought! But we loved each other more than anything. I'll miss you everyday mom, and I know that you are with God & all that passed before you who were waiting to bring you home. I love you mom & I know you'll be watching over me & the kids.

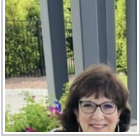


Christine Falsetta - September 20, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ Rest in peace my little cousin. I am sure that there will be many relatives there to greet you in paradise. My thoughts and prayers are with your family both in North Carolina and in New York. Love and miss you always. Your cousin June.

Angela Bailey - September 18, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Absolutely heartbreaking news. I will always have fond memories of when we were all young, visits to Uncle Albert and Aunt Elsie's home in Oneonta. Wonderful family gatherings, always excellent company and great food to be had, and of course Kathy playing whatever music Uncle Albert asked her to on the organ. May she rest in paradise! Cousin, Angela (Kingston, NY)

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**Angela Bailey** - September 18, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kathleen Marie Smith.



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September 17, 2021 at 08:06 PM