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Rita Louise Green Smith, 86, of Kailua, Oah'u, passed away in her ocean-side home on November 12, 2012. Rita was born on August 7, 1926 in Delta, Colorado. During her preschool years she lived in Delta, Colorado and then during the depression the family moved to Austin, Colorado. While her father worked for the College Farm and raised fruit, the family kept a large garden and made dairy products on their small farm. She later attended Delta High School where she excelled in the sciences. During World War II she attended Colorado State College, enthusiastically participated in sorority activities and worked summers at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital and at Stanley Hotel in Estes Park. She graduated from Colorado State College with a B.S. in life sciences with a certification to teach. She married Max Smith on July 11, 1948. Rita assisted Max as a receptionist, bookkeeper and surgical assistant at an animal hospital in Safford, Arizona for 14 years. Then in 1965 the family surprised relatives and moved to Hawaii where Max worked as a veterinarian for the State of Hawaii. Rita taught science at King Intermediate in Kaneohe sharing her biology, earth and space science knowledge with thousands of students over 24 years. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in various positions including Ward and Stake Relief Society President. She enjoyed supporting community activities at Gunstock Ranch, the family ranch in Laie. Some of those activities included the annual Easter Egg Hunt and many rodeo events. Rita was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She encouraged all of her children to succeed and she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her pets, especially her cats George, Keoki and Cat. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and Mexican food. The family thanks the sensitive and loving caregivers who, during her declining years, allowed Rita to remain in her home watching the sunrise over the Mokulua Islands and hearing Kailua Bay's soothing surf even until the day of her death. She was preceded in death by her



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husband Max Bigler Smith, parents Ferris Milton Green and Effie Elnora Cofer, and her sister Dale Green Lawson. Rita is survived by her six children, Barry (Susie) Smith, Kris Anne (Paul) Gustavson, Kari (George) Archibald, Troy (Carrey) Smith, Jon (Anne) Smith and Greg (Kyndra) Smith. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be on Saturday November 17, 2012 at 1 p.m. at the Kailua 2nd Ward LDS Chapel. Burial will be later at Hawaii Memorial Park Cemetery.



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Smith Family:I wanted to send my condolences to your family on your loss. Death is something that pains us all, I'd like to share this encouraging scripture with the family; Rev. 21:4 "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.~ I hope you'll find comfort in this scripture.##imported-begin##Tiffani##imported-end##

November 20 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous posted:

I only met Rita once, but I know what kind of person she was from knowing what kind of people her children are. Since 1970 sharing piano master classes with Kris Anne at BYU, I have met everyone, including Barry, except Troy, and have spent many sunny days and rainy nights with Jon, Greg, and Kari in the backcountry of Idaho. I feel in some ways like part of the family and mourn with you. Always heard stories about Max, Rita, and Hawaii. Golden days. The kind of childhood everyone wishes they had.Know that Rita is very much alive. I would have you go to youtube sometime and search for "I'm Runnin' On" by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. It is how I imagine things were for her as she changed from glory into glory.My love is with you all and George and Kyndra and Paul and Katelyn and Max and all the grandchildren and great grandchildren.##imported-begin##Dale Boman##imported-end##

November 18 at 12:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs Smith, ever so petite in stature, with a huge heart of gold. I think of her as a little earth angel budded on earth to continue to bloom in heaven... My daughter Marin and I will never forget her taking us in on long weekends of Rodeo in Waimanalo. One night she and Max, (in his burgandy silk pajama's) waited up for us til past 11pm. Sweet Mrs. Smith insisted on us having a late dinner. "I just have to feed you something, you can't go to bed hungry" she said. We finally split a p-nut butter sandwich and a glass of milk to make her happy. I and so many others will miss her visit out to the ranch for Easter...She and Max can watch and enjoy together from their eternal Heavenly home. Until we met again, Sweet Aloha... Linda and Marin Lorne##imported-begin##Linda Lorne##imported-end##

November 16 at 7:56 PM



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Anonymous posted:

my condolences to you##imported-begin##Sterling Smith##imported-end##

November 16 at 1:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

She was a wonderful mother, full of love.##imported-begin##Jon Smith##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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