



Judith Louise Smith

November 21, 1938 - May 19, 2015

Judith Louise Smith was born on November 20, 1938 to her parents Daniel M. and Cecilia M. Smith. She was the third child of that union. She attended school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was a very smart and inquisitive child. Her desire was to become a nurse and join the military. She received her nursing degree from Wisconsin State Nursing School in 1962.

Judith entered into active duty with the Air Force in 1962, when she was only 24 years old. She was stationed in Milwaukee, WI. She retired as a Major from Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas 20 years later in 1982. She was working at the USAF Regional Hospital Sheppard.

During her duty, she held the following positions: Nurse Anesthetist – 8 years 6 months, Clinical Nurse – 7 years 6 months, Flight Nurse – 4 years. She served 6 of those years overseas in Vietnam, Japan, Philippines and Germany.

Throughout her service Judith received numerous commendations: Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; AF Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; Distinguished-Presidential Unit Citation; AF Outstanding Unit Award with nine Oak Leaf Clusters; National Defense Service medal; Vietnam Service Medal with eight Bronze Service Stars; AF Overseas Long Tour Ribbon; AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters;

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Meritorious Service Medal.

Judith was a loving mother. She loved to bake and was an avid volksmarching enthusiast. She was also a craft beer connoisseur and loved collecting coins from around the world during her travels. She is survived by two daughters, Marcella Louise and Linda Marie. She leaves behind 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, cousins, and a host of friends to celebrate her life.

Graveside service to be held Friday, May 29, 2015 at 11:15AM. Fr. David LaPlante will officiate and military honors will follow. Interment Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home is serving the family.
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Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, we want you to know we also mourn the death of our friend and colleague, Major Judith Louise Smith. We hope your loving memories of her will continue to bring you comfort and peace in the months and years to come. Our hearts and thoughts are with you during this time of loss. Please know you are not alone in remembering a truly wonderful person who meant much and made a difference to so many. She will be missed, and she will not be forgotten.

*Linda Stierle, Brigadier General, USAF, NC (Retired)
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