



## Doris Lorene Smith

November 19, 1937 - May 8, 2021

Doris Lorene Smith, 83, of Willow Springs, MO, passed away on May 8, 2021. She was born to Marshall and Zella (Stephenson) Ogle on November 19, 1937, in Willow Springs.

Lorene was a graduate of Willow Springs High School and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. After college graduation, she lived in Colorado, where she worked as a newspaper reporter, before returning to Willow Springs, where she married Etcyl Smith and raised two daughters, Elizabeth Juliet Smith and Sarah Smith Nessel. Lorene's career included writing and editing the Willow Springs News, helping run Smith Insurance Agency for many years and serving as the local librarian. She was also instrumental in organizing reunions for the Willow Springs High School Class of 1955 and was involved in several local clubs, including a bridge group and Study Club. She was a voracious reader and a skilled pianist. She also enjoyed art classes and gardening, and loved attending local theater and music performances.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Zella Ogle, and by her brother, Herbert Ogle.

She is survived by daughter Sarah Smith Nessel and her husband, Jeff Nessel; daughter Elizabeth Juliet Smith and her husband, George Misdary;

grandson Elijah Nessel; and several nephews, great-nephews and great-nieces.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to Lorene's neighbor Rick Herring for everything he has done for her in recent years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Willow Springs Public Library or the Willow Springs Scholarship Club.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, May 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Willow Springs City Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Willow Funeral Home, LLC. Online condolences may be left at [www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com](http://www.willowspringsfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

MAY 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

Willow Springs City Cemetery  
State Rte DD  
Willow Springs, MO 65793

# Tribute Wall

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“ to Sarah and Julie...your Mom was my dear friend since I moved to Willow in 1969...we were bridge partners and played "golf" together at the country Club (we were awful but it was fun!)...then she gave up bridge about 3 years ago but still played the piano that I sold her when my husband died in 1972...we traded recipes and gossip... I loved her!  
My deepest regrets to you girls...

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**ann taylor** - May 11, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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*Thank you so much, Annie! I have many fond memories of you, and that cool apartment you lived in downtown, and of course that piano!*

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**Sarah Smith Nessel** - May 12, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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*I knew your mom as Lorene all through school. She was a very kind and sweet girl. I loved spending time with her and am not sure why she put up with me tagging along. So very sorry for your loss but know you have many special memories to make you smile.*

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**Martha Searcy Welsh** - May 14, 2021 at 12:20 PM