



**L**avohn Smith, age 92, of Albert City, Iowa died Monday, September 3, 2018 at Pleasant View Home in Albert City.

Ardis Lavohn Smith, the daughter of John and Bernice Francis Irene (Oleson) Ryon, was born on January 16, 1926 near Laurens, Iowa. Her childhood years were spent on the farm near Laurens where she received her education, graduating from Laurens High School in 1943. After graduation, she was employed at the Laurens Dime Store and then as a bookkeeper for Ferguson Farm Supply in Laurens.

Lavohn married Duane Smith in Dakota City, Nebraska on September 18, 1945. Following their marriage, they lived on a farm northwest of Marathon and soon after moved to Laurens where they farmed until 1967 when they moved to a farm northwest of Albert City. To this union three sons and one daughter were born. Lavohn worked side by side with her husband in all aspects of the farm operation until her boys were old enough to help.

Lavohn was one never to sit idle. She was active in many clubs including the West Friendly Circle Club, Square Dance Club, AC Threshermans Association, and others. She enjoyed farm life, flower gardening, shopping, reading, cheering on the Hawkeye Basketball games, watching Dancing with the Stars, working on crossword puzzles, and was always ready for a good game of Scrabble or Upwords. Her love of country music and dancing always found her and Duane every weekend out on a dance floor somewhere in the area. With declining health, she moved into Pleasant View Nursing Home in 2012. There she made many new friends and enjoyed the many activities, especially Bingo. More than anything Lavohn treasured spending time with her family, especially the visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to honor her memory are her sons, Don of New Prague, Minnesota; Dennis (Donna) of Rembrandt, Iowa; daughter, Darlys Blomberg of Springfield, Virginia; her daughter-in-law, Kellie of Marathon, Iowa; 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; a sister, Donna (Darlow) Fuchs of Parker, Colorado; plus, extended family and friends.

# In Loving Memory



**Lavohn Smith**

**1926 — 2018**



While Waiting for Thee

Don't weep at my grave,  
For I am not there,  
I've a date with a butterfly  
To dance in the air.  
I'll be singing in the sunshine,  
Wild and free,  
Playing tag with the wind,  
While I'm waiting for thee.  
The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace  
After the clouds, the sunshine,  
after the winter, the spring,  
after the shower, the rainbow,  
for life is a changeable thing.  
After the night, the morning,  
bidding all darkness cease,  
after life's cares and sorrows,  
the comfort and sweetness of peace.

— Helen Steiner Rice

## IN MEMORY OF

**Lavohn Smith**

*January 16, 1926 — September 3, 2018*

## GRAVESIDE SERVICE

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

## LOCATION

**Laurens Cemetery**

**Laurens, Iowa**

## CLERGY

**Pastor John Mayer**

*Arrangements by*

**SLIEFERT FUNERAL HOMES**

*[www.sliefert.com](http://www.sliefert.com)*

*Albert City • Marathon • Sioux Rapids • Storm Lake*

**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

— **The Family of Lavohn Smith**