



Frankie Fern Smith

November 23, 1942 - November 8, 2021

Frankie Fern (Bales) Smith 1942-2021

Frankie Fern Smith age 78, was born in OK to James and Aletha (Newton) Bales, on November 23, 1942. Frankie was called home to eternal rest on November 8, 2021.

Frankie moved with her family to Alpaugh, CA at the young age of 4. She enjoyed working on the farm alongside her Dad. She later met and married the love of her life, Glenn "Dale" Smith on December 16, 1960. Frankie and Dale remained in Alpaugh and shortly after, started a family adding Edd, Bryan and Kelley.

Frankie worked as a CNA, later becoming an instructional aide, then the school librarian at Alpaugh Unified School District for over 30 years, retiring in 2009. She was instrumental in starting the COBRA program in Alpaugh to help children to make right choices in life.

Frankie was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her family. She is also known for her homemade pies, of which we will all miss. Many Alpaugh children found a second home with Frankie.

Frankie is preceded in death by her parents; James and Aletha Bales, brother Eddie Bales, husband Dale Smith, son Bryan Smith, Granddaughter Kelsey Smith, and Great Granddaughter Lucy Saldana.

Frankie is survived by; son Edd Smith (Sarah) of Alpaugh, daughter Kelley (Smith) Reed (Charles) of Visalia.

Grandchildren; James, Cody, Jayson (Elisa) Smith all of Alpaugh. Brandy (Smith) Culbertson (John), Ashley (Smith) Tapia (Jesse) of Conconully, WA, Lindsay (Smith) Saldana (Mario) of Thornton, CO, Alex Reed, Eric Reed of Visalia, Madisyn Reed (Ray) of Tulare. Great Grandchildren; Hailey, Jay Smith, Harley, Magnolia, Viola Saldana, Eli, Zeke, Saylor, Milo Tapia, Liam Smith, Easton Moralez. As well as many close cousins and numerous friends.

Graveside services will be held at North Kern Cemetery in Delano on November 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (PT)

North Kern Cemetery
627 Austin St
Delano, CA 93215

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Frankie Fern Smith*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - November 27, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Frankie and her husband Dale were so kind and generous when I taught at Alpaugh from 1987-2000. I am so sorry for your family's loss. She treasured her family and truly enjoyed all of her grandchildren.* ❤️

LouAnn Roberts - November 17, 2021 at 08:12 PM

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“ *Frankie's smile and her kindness will be deeply missed. She was a wonderful person and friend. I am blessed to have had her in my life. My sincere condolences to the Reed and Smith family's. May Frankie rest in eternal peace.* ❤️

Donna Capwell - November 17, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frankie Fern Smith.* ”



November 17, 2021 at 05:34 PM