



Kathy (Murphy) Smith

November 27, 2023

Kathy (Murphy) Smith 1945 – 2023 R.I.P.

Our world has lost a wonderful woman and warrior. Although she had beaten cancer four different times since 1987, Kathy lost her fifth battle at Hospice of the Valley in Surprise, Arizona, on Wednesday, November 22.

Kathy was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Larry Smith in April of 1968. For 34 years, she traveled a good part of the world with Northwest Airlines / Delta Airlines as a stewardess. Her work took her from Tokyo to Amsterdam and many other fascinating destinations in between. Kathy was a loving parent to Crystal Japor and Amber Murphy. A lifelong animal lover, Kathy and Larry also shared their lives with at least 19 cats over the years. Kathy and Larry moved to their retirement home in The Grand at Surprise, Arizona, in 2000. We grieve at her loss, give thanks for her presence in our lives, and hold a warm smile in our hearts at her memory.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents G. Jerry and Marguerite R. Murphy. She is survived by her loving husband, Larry Smith, Brother Terry Murphy, Neices, Crystal (Michael) Japor, and Amber Murphy, Sisters-in-law, Susan (Pierre) Boudreu, and Amy Swailes. A celebration of Kathy's life is planned in Surprise on Sunday afternoon, January 14. A celebration of Kathy's life is planned in Surprise on Sunday afternoon, January 14. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

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“ Thank you for entrusting Simply Cremation to handle the final arrangements for Mrs. Smith. My thoughts remain with Larry and the rest of her family and friends during this difficult time.

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