



## Tracey Lee Smith

December 3, 1951 - June 24, 2020

Dateline: Alton

Tracey Lee Smith, 68, died at 5:33 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at her home in Alton. Born December 3, 1951 in Highland, IL, she was the daughter of Charles E. and Shirley M. (Carter) Dunn. Tracey is a Professor Emeritus at Lewis & Clark Community College. Surviving is her husband, Dan Kaplan of Alton, two daughters, Ashley A. Smith of Alton and Jessica S. Smith of Jerseyville, a son, Stephen Kaplan of Bellevue, WA, four grandchildren, Aly Dunse, Madison Hodges, Dylan Smith, and Brooke Coleman, a brother, Barry M. Dunn of Alton and her former husband, David Smith of Godfrey. A memorial visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, June 29, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the ALS Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Tracey Lee Smith

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Tracey Lee Smith

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Tracey’s passing. She and Betty Pars were my favorite people at Lewis and Clark. I genuinely liked Tracey...she was kind, funny, and had the greatest laugh! I never had her in the classroom, only in the stage....but even there she was a fantastic teacher. Always so encouraging and supportive. When she had a criticism, it was only to make someone better. I still have the cards she gave me on opening nights. My love and prayers go out to her friends and family. She was a great person and will definitely be missed.



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**sandie** - July 15, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ When I began my teaching career nearly 30 years ago, Tracey was my mentor and what a wonderful one she was. I could not have gone from the workplace to the classroom without her help and support. I know from students that she was an excellent teacher who helped students get the most from her class and themselves. She was a guiding light for me career. RIP.

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**Mike Montgomery** - June 29, 2020 at 05:16 PM

VH

*I couldn't agree more Mike. Tracey was brilliant, creative, and ahead of her time. She was a great mentor who gave her knowledge and support to those who had the pleasure of working with her. Tracey will be greatly missed by many of us. Deepest sympathy to her family.*

Vicki Hake - June 30, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tracey Lee Smith.



June 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM

PR

“ Tracey was a wonderful person. I worked for her at Lewis & Clark. She would always help you any way she could. She was very innovative and cared deeply for students. She always spoke highly of her family and her trips to Seattle. My condolences to her husband and daughters and especially her brother Barry who I knew from SIUE.

*Pat Rzewnicki*

Pat Rzewnicki - June 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM

DV

“ Tracey had a distinguished career at Lewis and Clark. She and I worked to make sure her graduates could transfer all their credits to SIUE and other 4 year colleges. I valued her as a colleague and friend.

*Dave Valley*

DAVID B VALLEY - June 28, 2020 at 02:07 PM

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“ Tracey and I met at SIU-E, and were immediately best friends. My world will be a much colder place without her.

*Denise Pellegrini*

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**Denise** - June 28, 2020 at 11:44 AM

ML

“ I remember Tracey at Lewis and Clark. She was a great teacher. She even had us over to her house for a party. So sorry to hear of her passing. Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏

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**Mary Loy** - June 26, 2020 at 03:49 PM