



Lenore Smith

May 14, 1959 - December 28, 2025

Lenore Smith, 66, of Onarga, passed away Sunday, December 28, 2025.

She was born May 14, 1959, in Chicago the daughter of Albert and Winnifred (Wilson) Hoeksema. She married Ray Smith. She was a head chef and volunteered with ICare Animal Rescue. She was a master gardener, loved bird watching, needle point, and playing the piano.

Lenore is survived by her son, Alex Gerdow; daughter, Xynora Pearl Jackson; sister, Marsha Gillespie; long time friends, David Damhesel and Mary Kuhn.

She is preceded in death by her husband; brother, David Hoeksema; and children, Sam and Maddy.

Services are TBD.

Tribute Wall

NE

“ You were a gem, Lenore. And thought we knew each other through fb only, I truly miss you.



Nella - February 26 at 02:31 PM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Lenore when she was with our Master Garden group. Lenore was so friendly and fun to be around.
Anita Boomgarden



Anita Boomgarden - January 07 at 03:34 PM



“ Lenore was the salt of the Earth with some extra added spice. She had a wicked sense of humor and a kind heart. She took in my cats Purrsilla and Riyu when I had a life crisis. She took care of them until they passed. I loved her for her kindness and generosity of spirit.

Carolyn Dimmick - January 07 at 06:37 AM

CK

“ I knew Lenore 40 years ago. I even dated her brother David. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Cheryl Kallas - January 06 at 12:35 AM

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How did this happen? Does anybody know?

Cheryl Kallas - April 06 at 10:32 PM

GT

“ Lenore was a lovely lady, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Gwen Thomas - January 05 at 05:12 PM

EM

“ Sincerest sympathies to Lenore’s family 📍 . You’re in our thoughts and prayers.

The Mikeworth family



Ellen Mikeworth - January 05 at 04:44 PM

MK

miss you my dear friend...love you forever.

Mary Kuhn - January 06 at 12:22 PM