



Theresa "Ter" Swaim

April 21, 1952 - April 24, 2025

Theresa Margaret Swaim, 73, of Drakesville, Iowa passed away on April 24, 2025 at her home. She was born on April 21, 1952 in Swindon, England to William "Bill" and Ruby Julia Sutton Smith. She married Dennis Burton on August 22, 1969 in Bloomfield; he passed away in 1970. On October 27, 1990 she married Craig Swaim in Drakesville. The couple enjoyed 35 years together.

Ter worked for Dr. Robert Blew O.D. as an Optometrist Assistant for 25 years until her retirement in 2011. Shortly after, she became a "Stay at home Grandma." She was a loving grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family. She also enjoyed feeding and watching her birds, spending time in the garden planting flowers, taking care of her house plants, going on trail rides, hanging out with friends, and mowing her yard. Ter was also head park ranger at "Lake Jake," a family-owned pond that was a favorite gathering spot for everyone. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Craig Swaim; son, Shane (Jennifer) Burton of Ottumwa, Iowa; daughter, Stevie (John Frank) Patrick of Drakesville; four grandchildren, Sydney (Layne Johnston) Burton, Taylor Burton, Jack Patrick, Sami Patrick; three great-grandchildren, Dakari, Kaleeah, Ruby; four brothers, Dean (Teresa) Smith of Bloomfield, Bill (Cheri) Smith Jr. of Burlington, Iowa, Rick (Tiffany) Smith of Des Moines, Phillip (Jill) Smith of Tiffin, Iowa;

numerous nieces and nephews; her dog, Bootsie; and special friends, Vicky Rork, Shell Schumacher, Betty Jane Bengel, and Helen Peck.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Marilyn Smith-Jones.

Visitation for Ter will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. The family will be present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. Monday evening. Cremation will follow visitation with burial at the Drakesville Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Look to the Stars Cancer Foundation in Davis County.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

APR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *May God's Love help all Loved ones. RIP Teri Remember her as a sweet gal in D.C. high school.*

Nancy Holt



Mark and Nancy Holt - April 28, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.*



April 28, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.*

April 28, 2025 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Bill and Lori McAllister purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.*



Bill and Lori McAllister - April 28, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.*



April 28, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.

April 28, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *Lynn lit a candle in memory of Theresa "Ter" Swaim*



Lynn - April 27, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.*



April 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.

April 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM



“ So very sorry 😞 Lots of memories from our younger days, she was so much fun and a great person! My thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Debbie Townsend Jacobsmeier - April 27, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Luis Alvarado purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.



Luis Alvarado - April 27, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa "Ter" Swaim.



April 26, 2025 at 08:38 PM



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April 26, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time 🙏



Rebecca coyne - April 26, 2025 at 02:03 AM



“ Ter was quite the woman. Her family ment the world to her, and her extended family (on Craig's side) were just as important. I will miss her welcoming smile and hug whenever we would meet. 💔 I'm sure she is being welcomed home with open arms of family members who passed before her.

Toni Smith - April 25, 2025 at 08:30 PM