



## *I Am Standing Upon The Seashore*

*I am standing upon the seashore.  
A ship at my side spreads her white  
sails to the morning breeze and starts  
for the blue ocean.*

*She is an object of beauty and strength.  
I stand and watch her until at length  
she hangs like a speck of white cloud  
just where the sea and sky come  
to mingle with each other.*

*Then, someone at my side says;  
"There, she is gone!"*

*"Gone where?"  
Gone from my sight. That is all.  
She is just as large in mast and hull  
and spar as she was when she left my side  
and she is just as able to bear her  
load of living freight to her destined port.  
Her diminished size is in me, not in her.*

*And just at the moment when someone  
at my side says, "There, she is gone!"  
There are other eyes watching her coming,  
and other voices ready to take up the glad shout;  
"Here she comes!"  
And that is dying.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Rev. Keith LeRoy Smith*

WHO WAS BORN  
July 13, 1941  
Britton, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME  
November 13, 2022  
Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.  
Zoar Lutheran Church  
Reville, South Dakota

OFFICIANT  
Rev. Hans Sacrison

MUSICIANS  
Donna Johnson, Organist  
Betty Frogner, Organist  
Cheryl Sieverson, Organist

CASKET BEARERS  
Brian Sime | Scott Johnson | Tom Frogner  
Darrel Woolery | Will Kruse | Dennis Harstad

INTERMENT  
Groton Cemetery  
Groton, South Dakota

APPRECIATION  
Rev. Keith's family thanks you for your presence today  
and for your many acts and words of kindness.  
Following the service, please join the family for a time  
of food and fellowship in the Church Fellowship Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY  
Mundwiler Funeral Home  
Milbank, South Dakota

Keith LeRoy Smith was born on July 13, 1941, in Britton, SD, to Orval and Bernice (Melland) Smith. He grew up in Groton and attended school, graduating with the Class of 1958. He attended college at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 1962.

Following college, Keith held several temporary jobs before accepting a full-time position at a college library in Wisconsin. At that time, Keith strayed from his faith but found his way back. He spent a year at two different seminaries, volunteered at a Lutheran retreat in Washington State, worked at his parent's business in Watertown, SD, and spent a year working at a church in Canada. Keith lived many places and did many things in his life bringing him from the small town of Groton to Brookings, SD, to St. Paul, MN, to Kenosha, WI, to Dubuque, IA, to Lake Chelan, WA, to Kenora, Ontario, to Lubbock, TX, to Kadoka, SD, to Revillo, SD, and finally to Milbank, SD.

In his 40s, Keith graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. He was a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Revillo, SD, and Zoar Lutheran Church in rural Revillo, SD, for nearly 25 years.

Keith absolutely loved the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and was very involved with donating his time and efforts in collecting monetary gifts: donating much, himself, and helping to organized times of worship for the children at the ranch. In his leisure time, he enjoyed mountain hiking, reading, studying theology, and exploring national and state parks.

Keith is survived by his brother, Curtis and "Cookie" Smith of Littleton, CO; sister, Cheryl Smith of Lubbock, TX; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; Doug and Carol Spany and family of Wauzeka, WI; along with many friends and parishioners.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orval and Bernice Smith; sister, Diane Sallee; and brother, John Luther Smith.



*Going Home...*