



## Donna Belle Smith

April 11, 1928 - January 11, 2018

Donna Belle Smith, 89, of Charlotte, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 11, 2018 - 23 years to the day following the death of her husband, Kenneth Purl Smith. Donna was born April 11, 1928, in Charlotte, the daughter of Oren James and Dorotha Louise (Bracey) Satterlee. She and Kenneth married in 1944, during his service in WWII. Together, they raised three children in Charlotte and were married 50 years before his death in 1995. Donna was a devoted member of the Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church, where volunteered many years making beautiful clothing to dress dolls for the church Christmas gift project. She also made quilt squares pillows and crocheted Christmas stockings and doilies for her family. Many will remember Donna being always ready to lend a helping hand.

Donna is survived by her children; Carol (Charles) Shumaker, Steven (Jean Howe) Smith, and Calise (Eddy) Shepherd; grandchildren, Bradley (Deborah Thonus) Shumaker, Dale (Cathy Leigh) Shumaker, Eric (Paula Polanski) Shumaker, Sarah (Kurt) Camden, Karen (Joel) Weever, Shannon Smith, Christopher Smith, Heather Shepherd, Devon Shepherd, and Meghan Shepherd; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her husband; siblings, Zane (Katherine) Satterlee, Reatha (Richard) Zentmyer, Gerald (Sam) (Sue) Satterlee, Marilee (Ken) Herman, and Dennis Satterlee.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Pastor Charles Kruger officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the funeral home. Interment will take place in West Carmel cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Residential Hospice or Alzheimer's Association of Greater Michigan. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Donna on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Belle Smith*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 16, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ *44 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 16, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ *Love and prayers to all of you in Michigan. Mrs. Smith was a wonderful and kind lady!*

*Nadine & John Isabell  
Pottstown, PA*

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**Nadine Isabell** - January 14, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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“ We are sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Donna was a very special lady and will be missed by all.

*Norma & Wayne Clute  
Bradenton, FL*

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**Norma & Wayne Clute** - January 14, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of Donna it is not possible to pick just one. She was my second mother the whole time I was growing up and beyond. I loved her laugh and I can hear it now. Good bye, dear lady. You will be missed!

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**Joyce Sherwood** - January 13, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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*Thank you Joyce. Such nice comments.*

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**Charlie** - January 14, 2018 at 11:59 AM

PS

*I very much enjoyed exchanging Christmas cards with my Aunt Donna every year. It was like getting a letter from home.*

*Phillip Satterlee  
(Zane and Katherine's son)*

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**phil satterlee** - January 19, 2018 at 10:01 PM

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*Thanks so much Phil for your comment. I do recall Donna talking about sending you cards and letters and she was always happy to get cards and letters from you. Hope you are all well.*

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**Charlie Shumaker** - January 24, 2018 at 09:51 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Carol's pictures of Mom



Carol Shumaker - January 13, 2018 at 01:19 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Carol's pictures of Mom



Carol Shumaker - January 13, 2018 at 01:18 PM



*She looks so happy. Lovely picture of a lovely lady.*

Joyce Sherwood - January 13, 2018 at 07:08 PM