



Joyce Marie Smith

October 19, 1929 - June 13, 2020

Joyce Marie (Edington) Smith, 90, of Potterville, a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, died peacefully on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Joyce was born on October 19, 1929, in Lansing, the daughter of Walter J. and Vernie E. (Conrad) Edington. She graduated from Potterville High School in 1947. On April 21, 1947, she married Carl Smith Jr. and spent the next 55 years creating their legacy together. Joyce stayed at home to raise their eight children. She was an extremely hard-working woman who farmed, milked cows, and could often be found lying on the ground under the farm equipment fixing something. Joyce worked outside the home at one point at Baryames Cleaners in Lansing. After the youngest, Jerry, was born, Joyce started driving school bus for Potterville Public School, until she retired after 22 years. Joyce spent her entire life devoted to her husband and family. When she wasn't working around the farm or driving bus, Joyce enjoyed babysitting her grandchildren, mowing the lawn, attending Eastern Star meetings and collecting mallard ducks. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Joyce is survived by her children, Anne (Al) Aseltine, David (Grace) Smith, Brian Smith, Jill (Phil) Roehl, Judy (Larry) Zakora, Gary (Karen) Smith, Debbie (Earl) Blasen, and Jerry (Nikki) Smith; 22 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren with another on the way; and brother, Clyde (Carol) Edington of Melbourne, FL. She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Jr.; her parents; grandson, Richard Hill Jr.; and great-

grandson, Seth Zakora.

Due to current quarantine and sheltering guidelines, the family is going to have a private graveside service at Benton Township cemetery. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Diabetes Foundation. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Joyce on her Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Benton Twp Cemetery

3775 E. Vermontville Hwy.
Pottersville, MI 48876

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Marie Smith



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 17, 2020 at 02:07 PM

CW

Whata beautiful tribute to your grams. My condolences to the family.

Connie Woodley - June 18, 2020 at 09:30 AM

JS

Mom loved her country and Western oldies. Her radio was on at her apartment 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The girls that worked at StoryPoint and Independence Village always came to her room to sing and and dance to her music. 94.1

Jill Smith-Roehl - June 18, 2020 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ Just spoke to brother and he and I always had alot of respect and admiration for Ma and Pa Smith. My condolences to Judy, and the rest of the Smith Family. Chris Rosborough

Chris - June 19, 2020 at 11:18 AM



Bless her and all of you - had so many good memories of Vernie and Joyce at 4H Fair in Charlotte - her pasta and she fixed me crispy bacon for breakfast in the outside screened off kitchen - thoughts and prayers for all - Craig Rosborough

Craig Rosborough - June 19, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JW

“ I spent hours riding to and from games and meets with Joyce driving our team bus. She was my favorite driver because she could ignore the adolescent high jinx and get us where we needed to go. Sorry to hear about her passing. My condolences to the family. She was a great lady.

Joe wood

Joe Wood - June 18, 2020 at 07:37 PM

JS

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Jill Smith-Roehl - June 18, 2020 at 10:18 AM

PE

Love it and her singing with!! Miss her!

Polly Edington - June 21, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JS

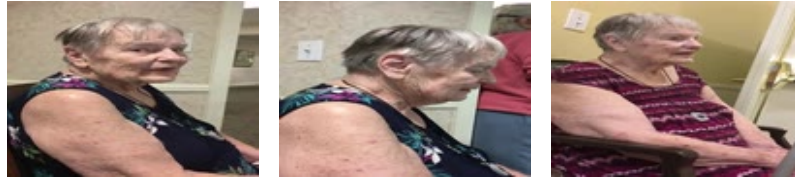
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Jill Smith-Roehl - June 18, 2020 at 08:59 AM

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Pray Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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Pray Funeral Home - June 17, 2020 at 03:00 PM

AE

“ *Joyce was so welcoming to me when I joined the family. Very sorry for her loss.*

-- Alice Edington

Alice S Edington - June 17, 2020 at 12:51 PM

DG

“ *Debbie and family, I am so sorry for the heartache you are feeling right now. Please know I am thinking of you. I remember at the end of the school year, your mom would bake some sort of goodies and hand them out to us when we got off the bus. I always looked forward to that last day.*

*Your “old” friend,
Donna-Kay Gilman*

Donna-Kay Gilman - June 16, 2020 at 02:34 PM

MA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. She drove bus #5 when I was in school. I’ll always remember her sweet smile.

Michelle Amador - June 16, 2020 at 12:36 PM

MN

“ So very sorry to the Family. All of you!! Rest Easy Joyce.

Michelle Niemi - June 16, 2020 at 10:53 AM

TR

So sorry to hear about your mother passing and to the rest of the Smith family.

Teresa Cook Robinson - June 16, 2020 at 08:48 PM

TR

Teresa Cook Robinson.

Teresa Cook Robinson - June 16, 2020 at 08:50 PM

DD

“ Joyce was a very sweet lady. I always enjoyed talking to her. So sorry for your families loss 💔 thinking of you all Donna (Family Care Specialist)

Donna Davidson - June 16, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Marie Smith.



June 16, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ To the Smith family:

I remember Joyce as a dedicated bus driver and family oriented lady. Be comforted by the many good memories you have of her.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dan Bargy*

Daniel Bargy - June 15, 2020 at 10:47 AM

LS

“ Dear family of Joyce Smith. Many blessings and good thoughts and memories of sweet Joyce. Many fond memories during our time on Billwood Hwy. Much love. Lyn and Ron Shoal.

Lyn Shoal - June 14, 2020 at 09:08 PM

LI

“ I will never forget the times we gathered at the farm for christmas every year as long as I can remember

Liv - June 14, 2020 at 06:35 PM