



Lois G Smith

June 19, 1941 - April 16, 2011

Lois G. Smith, 69 of Charlotte, Michigan passed away Saturday, April 16, 2011. Lois was born June 19, 1941 in Charlotte, the daughter of Howard and Ruth (Lavery) Saums. Lois graduated from Charlotte High School in 1959. She had been an active member of the Orioles High School Band playing first chair clarinet /saxophone in the Marching Band. As a member of Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Lois was involved in the Anna Circle, several committees, and the Chancel Choir. Her professional duties included Executive Secretary at Howard Sober Trucking, however, she will be best remembered as a gifted writer for the Charlotte Shopping Guide under her byline "Tales About Town with Lois Smith". Lois loved her Charlotte community and never wanted to leave it. She enjoyed attending local sporting events, golf, fishing and hiking in the woods at her cabin up north. She is survived by her husband, Jesse Smith; son, Carey Glenn, of Eaton Rapids; step-sons Corey (Julie) Smith of Troy, James B. (Julieann) Smith of Bedford TX, Michael G. of Austin TX, her two special granddaughters Jayden and Shayne, 10 Step-grand children, and 5 step-great grand children. Sister Joan Post-Brown and her husband Dave Brown of Omena, her nephews Mark and William Howard Post, her Aunts, June (Edgar) Fremody of Charlotte, Jackie Lavery of Saginaw, two sisters in law Dorothy Rhode and Jean Neuman of Traverse City and a strong and faithful group of lifelong friends. Funeral services will be 11:00 Am Wednesday, April 20, at Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors from 9 to 11:00 am in the church parlor.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church, Eaton Community Hospice, and the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.prayfuneral.com Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

Tribute Wall

DM

“*Joan, I am so sorry to hear of your sister's passing. I'm sure this is a very difficult time for you. I have many fond memories as you well know of spending time at your home and your sister, Lois, was certainly a part of those memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and her family. God bless you, Dorothy*

Dorothy Marsh McEvoy - May 08, 2011 at 08:48 PM

VW

“*Jess, Words can't express the feeling of loss that I have now. Lois was a wonderful person and I know my life is much better having had her in my circle of friends these past nine years. I wish there had been some way that we could have come over, but that was not to be. Take care of yourself, my friend. God holds her now, as do her parents. Vince*

Vince Wheat - April 28, 2011 at 03:57 PM

RO

“*We were very sorry to hear about Lois' passing. I worked with her for a time at Howard Sober, Inc. She was very pleasant and always offered good conversation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God bless. Robert & Dianna Overholt, Sunfield, MI*

Robert & Dianna Overholt - April 23, 2011 at 09:47 PM

KF

“*Sorry to hear of the passing of Lois. She was a wonderful person and writer. She touched the lives of many in our community. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.*

Karen Fuller and Family - April 20, 2011 at 08:12 PM

BN

“ Dear Jesse and Family, Lois was a lifelong friend. She was a great person and very caring. She'd to call me every so often just to chat and check up on me. I truly will miss her and her calls. I especially will remember the last time she came to visit me at my home. She had Joan with her and you could have knocked me over with a feather. She has been through so much these past few years, may she rest in peace. MY heart felt condolences to you and all of Lois' family

Bill Newland - April 20, 2011 at 12:33 PM

HC

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We have enjoyed Lois's sense of humor over the years. She was such a sweet and thoughtful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Nancy, Sue, Amanda and Dee

Hayes Green Beach Infusion Center - April 20, 2011 at 12:08 PM

JJ

“ I have know the Saums family since moving to Charlotte in 1936. Lois and my sister Jann have been lifelong friends and went to school together. We have enjoyed Lois' friendship and her quick wit and sense of humor. We all will truly miss her. Our special condolences to her family. Jean Jones and daughter Caryl Burton

Jean Jones - April 19, 2011 at 03:09 PM

KH

“ I worked with Lois for many years and we had a lot of fun together. Her and Jess were over for a luncheon last fall and we had some of the ole group from work. We had a nice time talking about the good ole days. I am glad she was my friend and that she is no longer suffering. Heaven won't be the same now that Lois has arrived!!!!

Kathleen M. Hicks - April 19, 2011 at 03:06 PM

YV

“ I have many fond memories of Lois and our days of working for Lansing Community Newspapers together; she loved the Charlotte community and was passionate about her coverage of local news. Lois truly understood the value of friendship, and her witty remarks went a long way toward making the work environment a fun and productive one. Many years have passed since those days, but I keep them close in my heart and think of them often. I am blessed to have shared part of her life.

Yvette - April 18, 2011 at 08:57 PM

BP

“ My Dad and Lois have been friends for years. As I grew, my dad always clipped the articles she had written about me in the paper. I am blessed to still have them. The one I most enjoy reading is from when my college music department traveled to Europe. I enjoyed talking with her about the trip and seeing what she had written from our conversation. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. She will be missed. Bethany (Newland) Passick

Bethany Newland Passick - April 18, 2011 at 07:37 PM

SH

“ Although my heart is breaking, I know Lois is no longer suffering. I will always remember how she loved the Lord and Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church. I will miss her "words of wisdom" and her great sense of humor. Most of all, I will miss her love. My heart goes out to Jess and the family in this time of sorrow. Sandy Husted

Sandy Husted - April 18, 2011 at 05:48 PM

BL

“ JOAN, SORRY TO READ OF THE LOSS OF LOIS. MEMORIES OF HER AND BEANIE SIDE BY SIDE IN HIGH SCHOOL. LOIS GAVE BACK A LOT TO HER HOME TOWN. SINCERELY BILL

BILL LESENEY - April 18, 2011 at 04:00 PM

LW

“ Joanie, Jesse and families: Please accept my condolences for your loss. During all of our young years shared in Blue Birds, Camp Fire, Horizon Club and band, Lois was an integral part of what made everything "work." She was a vital part of my youth, and I treasure the memories of our friendship.

Leila Whiting - April 18, 2011 at 01:09 AM

SA

“ Jess and family: I have known Lois most of my life. She brought such a bright smile and outlook to all who knew her. Most lately, I enjoyed our conversations in church. She will be missed by anyone who came in contact with her. I only wish I could attend visitation, but I am still working and have not been lucky enough to retire yet. Please know that my thoughts are with each and every one of you. Sue Ayotte

Sue (Cheney) Ayotte - April 17, 2011 at 09:46 PM

NH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Jess and family. Lois was among the first "shepherds" to welcome us to LAUMC. From her view in the choir, Lois kept an eye on our growing little family and always had a kind word for us. The community suffered our first loss when Lois was unable to continue her wonderful column in the local newspaper, "Tales About Town". She was a Warrior Princess as she fought through her continuing health challenges, bringing her wonderful sense of humor and quick wit to our Anna Circle gatherings. We will miss her. Safe journey home, dear Friend. Love from Nancy and family

Nancy Hindenach - April 17, 2011 at 09:38 PM

JH

“ Lois, I'm glad you were my friend...going way back to when we were in Mrs. Perry's kindergarten class. Jesse, I'm sorry for your loss. Joyce H.

Joyce Cole Hoedeman - April 17, 2011 at 08:59 PM