



Mary Jane Smith

July 5, 1921 - November 14, 2010

Mary Jane (Lea) Smith, 89, of Farwell, MI died Sunday, November 14, 2010. Mrs. Smith was born July 5, 1921 in South Bend, WA the daughter of Charles and Mable (Zauner) Armstrong. Mrs. Smith was a homemaker who met and wed her husband, Donald Lea, a young soldier from Michigan in 1942. She never forgot her roots and journeyed back many times to Westport, WA and Shoalwater Bay. As a Shoalwater Bay Indian tribal elder, her stories will be greatly missed. In 2009 she realized her dream of writing a cookbook. She is survived by her second husband, Norman Smith; sons, Donald Zauner (Jill) Lea of Charlotte and Charles E. (Deborah) Lea of Rockford; daughter, Kathleen Lea McCoy of Mt. Pleasant; 4 grandchildren, Travis (Lisa) Lea, Stacey (Michael) Mroczkowski, Justin McCoy and Megan (Cody) West; 4 great grandchildren; sisters, Betty Condon of Seattle, WA and Charlene Nelson of Tokeland, WA.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald E. Lea in 1968; son-in-law, Douglas McCoy; sisters, Dorothy Matthews and Lois Cooper. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Rev. Father Francis Mossholder officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, MI. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Family.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Jack and I were so sorry to hear about Mary. I have many fond memories of the time I spent at your house. Your mother was always so gracious to us. I'm sorry we did not hear in time to tell you all in person how sorry we are for your loss. Jan

Jan Luddeke Page - November 20, 2010 at 11:17 AM

LC

“ Mary Jane Smith we love you and we miss you greatly. You were so wonderful and a great Elder and Leader for the Shoalwater Bay Tribe. We wish the Great Spirit, the Holy Spirit to envelop your Spirit with love and peace and harmony and we will see you when it is our turn. Please say Hi to my mother and father and my brother and that I love them. I love you Mary Jane. '

Lynn Clark - November 17, 2010 at 06:02 PM

GW

“ Chuck and Deb; Our thoughts are with you and your family. I remember your Mom from when we were in High School. When we were all getting our drivers licenses and our first car. She was always so much fun. Gary & Kathy Wells

Gary Wells - November 16, 2010 at 08:10 PM

SM

“ Chuck and Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. Nothing we say lightens the moment but I remember your mom from Boy Scouts. I never saw anybody smile that much in my life. Please heal quickly.

Steve (and Deb) Marsh - November 16, 2010 at 07:24 PM

TS

“ *Mary Janes family has our deepest sympathy. She had been very active in the community and generous with her time and talents at the Senior Center in Farwell. She will be missed by many.*

Tom & Helen Schmanski - November 16, 2010 at 04:48 PM

JE

“ *Zauner and Jill, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Judy & Ed*

Judy & Ed - November 15, 2010 at 05:16 PM