



Nedra Norene Coito

October 2, 1936 - December 11, 2025

Nedra Norene Coito, a woman who was strong and faithful and very proud that she raised her family with strong values, died on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Nedra, 89, of Eaton Rapids and formerly of Charlotte, was born on October 2, 1936, in Weidman, Michigan and was the daughter of Joseph and Nellie (Martin) Smith. After an early loss of her mother, Nedra was lovingly raised by her uncle and aunt, Russell and Thelma Upright. Her childhood challenges helped shape her strength, patience, and deep sense of faith.

A graduate of Charlotte High School, Nedra went to work for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as a secretary, a career she proudly dedicated 31 years before her retirement.

On February 19, 1965, Nedra married Antonio Coito II, and together they spent the next 31 years creating many lasting memories before his passing in 1996. Nedra was a member of the International Egg Art Association for more than 40 years. She had a keen eye and was known for creating very elegant eggs. Nedra devoted her life to the Lord and was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlotte, where she created prayer shawls for cancer survivors. She was also a lifetime member of the Nashville VFW Auxiliary and the Eaton Area Senior Center.

Nedra enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, and-above all-spending time with

her family. She was a woman of strong values, steady faith, and quiet resilience, and she was deeply proud to have raised her family with those same principles.

Nedra is survived by her children, Kari (Timothy) Vivoda and Lori (Susan) Coito; daughter-in-law, Carol Coito; grandchildren, Christopher (Amy Kohl) Arendt, Jessica Phenix, Sonny Coito, and Cody Coito; great-grandchildren, Hailey and Enzo; and sister, Cleone Miller. She was predeceased by her husband, Antonio Coito II; son, Antonio Coito III; siblings, Joyce Haigh, Martin Smith, and Allen Smith; her parents, uncle and aunt, Russel and Thelma Upright; cousins, Fay Upright and Marilyn Johnson, with whom she lived with and were like her brother and sister.

Friends are encouraged to support Nedra's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com <<http://www.prayfuneral.com>>. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 12 Noon at the First Congregational Church in Charlotte, with Pastor Adam Droscha officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the service from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to any hospice organization of your choice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Congregational Church of Charlotte
106 S. Bostwick
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial

DEC 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Nedra Norene Coito



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 18, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 18, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ I worked with Nedra at the State. She made the most beautiful eggs and was always great at making me laugh. My sympathies to her loved ones. Rest in Peace

Lee Anne Harmon - December 16, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JS

“ Sorry for the Coito family's loss. Nedra's egg art was incredible.

Jeff Smith - December 14, 2025 at 09:48 AM

BW

“ To Nedra's family,
I didn't recognize the last name, but the first name of Nedra caught my eye. After reading about her passing, I came to know we worked together for a time. She made my anniversary egg, which was indeed beautiful. I remember a specific egg she brought to work to show us. It opened from the top and there was a skating rink complete with skaters in it. Perfect for the holiday. I think I recall her making peanut brittle at Christmas time. She encouraged me to try it, and it was the best peanut brittle I've ever eaten. Please accept my condolences on her passing. I remember her fondly and feel a sense of loss. Getting old is the pits! Just remember, she would want you to have a Merry Christmas, hard as that may be.



Sincerely,
Beverly Williams

Beverly Williams - December 13, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LC

thank you for support and prayers and yes she made some great peanut brittle this is Lori coito thank you all

Lori Coito - December 14, 2025 at 01:53 PM

BB

My condolences to the Coito family. I worked for the State of Michigan with Nedra. Ironically when we had the big snow a few days ago, I shared stories with my granddaughter about the fun working with Nedra and her beautiful eggs, delicious macaroni and cheese and Tony's kindness to my mother, by not throwing snow back in to her driveway when he was plowing her street. Rest in Him Nedra.

Betty Nixon Barry - December 18, 2025 at 06:52 PM