



Beverly Smith

June 25, 1946 - April 20, 2025

Beverly Smith, beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend, passed away Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at the age of 78 years old. She was born in Detroit on June 25, 1946, the daughter of Charles and Helen (Zavicar) Smith. Beverly felt a calling to the religious life at a young age and entered the religious order Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 8, 1962, at the age of 16. She finished her high school studies while in the convent and furthered her education at Carlow College in Pittsburgh, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education. Beverly professed her final vows on September 25, 1971, at St. Frances Cabrini in Allen Park, Michigan.

During her teaching career, Beverly taught at several elementary schools in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and New Mexico. Beverly pursued a second career and received an Associate Degree in Science as an occupational therapy assistant. She worked in this area for a couple of years. After several years as a teacher and occupational therapy assistant, Beverly decided to leave the religious order in 2000. Once on her own, Bev moved to New Mexico and continued to teach until her retirement in 2012 when she returned to Michigan.

During her retirement years, Beverly enjoyed reading, crocheting, working puzzles, and volunteering for the meals on wheels program at her senior living community.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Helen Smith, her

brothers Larry Smith and Gary Smith, and brother-in-law John Cline.

Beverly is survived by siblings, Rosemary (Gordon) Wargo, Chuck (Dianne) Smith, David (Denise) Smith, Judy Cline, Dick (Sue) Smith and Becky (Dave) Szymaszek; her sister-in-law Pam Smith and Deniese Smith, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, April 28, 2025 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, 106 E. Wheaton Avenue, Clare, Michigan 48617 with Monsignor Francis Koper officiating. Visitation is scheduled from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. prior to the Mass. Burial will take place in the Warren Twp. Cemetery in Coleman at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Anthony Indian Mission School in Zuni, New Mexico or the St. Joseph Indian School in South Dakota. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Warren Twp. Cemetery

4360 N. Coleman Rd.
Coleman, MI 48618

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish
110 E. Wheaton Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Mass

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

APR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Beverly was my cousin, we lived in Iowa with our parents Cecil & Rosalie Mercer when Uncle Charles would come to Iowa & visit family. I'm Cecil & Rosalies daughter, I have 2 brothers, Bill & Jackie Mercer live in San Angelo, Texas & my younger brother Gary Mercer lives in Eagleville, Missouri with his girlfriend. If any of Uncle Charles kids would like to contact me, my phone number is 515-321-7211. Sorry for your families loss

Marcella McKee - April 26, 2025 at 04:14 PM

SM

“ Beverly and I shared life at Mt. Nazareth Academy while in high school, and all the years she was a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She was a good hearted person who cared deeply for those less fortunate, and I was happy that she got to fulfill her dream of working with the Indians. May she rest in peace.

Sr. Cynthia Meyer - April 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM

KG

“ Katrina G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Smith.

Katrina G. - April 24, 2025 at 02:57 PM

VK

“ I entered the CSFN community in the same group with Bev. I remember her to be fun loving and dedicated to serving others. May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

Vicki Marczynski Kaufmann - April 24, 2025 at 10:06 AM