



Bonita "Bonnie" Smith

August 6, 1956 - February 21, 2025

Bonita L. "Bonnie" Smith, age 68 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 21, 2025 at the Toni and Trish House of Auburn, MI. On August 6, 1956, Bonnie was born the daughter of Charles and Rita (Messman) Smith in Salem, OR. Shortly after she was born, Bonnie's family moved to Coleman, MI., where she went on to graduate from Coleman High School, and would remain a Central Michigan resident for the rest of her life. She was united in marriage to Jeffrey Smith on August 17, 1973, in Loomis, MI. and together they shared fifty-one years of marriage. For twenty-plus years, Bonnie worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, where she managed the food and beverage operations. Her interests included reading, crocheting, competing in bowling and golfing leagues in her younger years, and taking southern trips to Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida with her husband Jeff. However, those that knew Bonnie best will tell you that she was happiest when she was spending time with her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Jeffrey Smith of Clare, her three daughters Melissa (Jay) Harnick, Michelle (Corey) Rodabaugh, and Marlana (Josh) Richards, all of whom reside in Clare, and her grandchildren Jeffrey, Austin, Gage, Jocy, Jesse, and Landon. Other survivors include her three great-grandchildren Baker, Lakelyn, and Sadie, her siblings Dan (Joni) Smith, Gary (Donna) Smith, Ken Smith, and Rhonda (Steve) Budd, her aunt Joyce (John) Logan, and many nieces and nephews. Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Rita Smith and her son Michael Smith.

A memorial service in honor of Bonnie will take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Brown Corners United Brethren Church of Clare, with Pastor Jeremiah Ketchum officiating. Friends may visit the Smith family at the church on Wednesday the 5th from noon until the time of service at 1:00 P.M., and a luncheon will follow. Memorial contributions in honor of Bonnie may be directed to either her family, or to the Toni and Trish House of Auburn. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Brown Corners United Brethren Church
5540 S. Clare Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Mike & Roxanne Sandel purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Bonita "Bonnie" Smith.



Mike & Roxanne Sandel - March 01, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your families. I worked with Bonnie for 20 years at the casino, she was a very caring lady and will be missed dearly. Doris Methner

Doris Methner - February 26, 2025 at 09:20 AM

CL

“ So sorry to see the passing of Bonnie. My thoughts and prayers are to all of her family.

Charlene Long - February 25, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BB

“ Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Smith



Bob Bergey - February 24, 2025 at 12:17 AM



“ *Patti Speir lit a candle in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Smith*



Patti Speir - February 23, 2025 at 10:32 AM



“ *Joeann Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bonita "Bonnie" Smith*



joeann Johnson - February 23, 2025 at 01:11 AM



“ *Bonnie was one of the sweetest women I knew. I loved the many years of bowling on the women's league in Clare with her. The northern women's tournament memories with all the ladies. Working with her at the casino was always a blast. She will be missed.*

Michelle Rhodes - February 22, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ *Bonnie was always very nice to work with at the Buffet. Will deeply miss her and appreciate all the time I was able to work with her as well.*

Madison Eldridge - February 22, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Bonnie was such a special lady. I will always cherish my memories of working with her. May you rest in peace.* ”

Lori Guild - February 22, 2025 at 02:41 PM

BH

“ *I'm sorry to hear of this loss. Your families will be in my heart during this difficult time.* ”

Bruce Hales - February 22, 2025 at 09:51 AM