



Dorothy Marie Smith

November 27, 1920 - May 18, 2020

On Monday, May 18, 2020, Dorothy Marie (Jones) Smith, cherished wife of 75 years and loving mother of three children, passed away at age 99.

Dorothy was born on November 27, 1920 in Omaha, Nebraska to Willis and Irene (Jacobs) Jones. She later moved to Detroit, Michigan with her parents and her 7 siblings. Dorothy met Leslie J. Smith while farming in Attica, Michigan and on December 26, 1944, she and Leslie were married in Lapeer, Michigan. In 1953 they built their current home in Clinton Township (formerly Mt. Clemens) Michigan where they lovingly raised three children, Kevin, Barbara, and Albert. In the late 1980's Dorothy retired from Sears where she had enjoyed working in housewares and at the "candy-counter".

Dorothy loved to bird watch, she also loved flowers, gardening and a "good Sanders Hot Fudge Cream Puff". She was a skilled seamstress, loved to crochet, and was an all around handy-woman. She was known for her quick wit, her infectious laugh, her kind and compassionate spirit, and the love that she had for her family.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Willis Lyle and Irene (Jacobs) Jones, brothers; Donald (Charlene), Robert "Bud" (Jenny), and Jenkin (Judy), sister; Ruth (Morris) Wilcox, and granddaughter; Samantha Elaine Smith. Dorothy's spirit is carried on by her husband of 75 years Leslie J. Smith, their three children; Kevin Leslie Smith, Barbara Marie (Steven) Reeves and Albert Joseph (Cathy) Smith, her three loving sisters; Jo Ann (Earl) Shemwell, Juliet "Pat" (Marlon) Justin, and Barbara (James) Senopole, her adoring grandchildren; Samantha (Dan) Badalamente, Nicole Smith, and Keith Smith, her great grandsons; Cameron Badalamente and Gabriel Badalamente, and her loving nieces and nephews.

In respect of Dorothy's wishes, a Celebration of Life will take place at a future date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Dorothy was a great seamstress. She made my First Communion dress, it was so beautiful and fitted perfectly, I wish I had a photo to share.

Debra Senopole - May 22, 2020 at 05:13 PM

BS

When I got married in 1956 we had our wedding in the morning and the reception in the evening. My sister Dorothy and Les opened their home for the whole wedding party to come spend the afternoon. It was a loving gesture that I never forgot. Dorothy was always the sweetest person I ever knew.

Barbara Senopole - May 22, 2020 at 06:09 PM

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I always enjoyed spending time with Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Les. Both very special people.

Aunt Dorothy will be missed. Our prayers go out to everyone 🙏🙏🙏
Love David and Donna Senopole

david senopole - May 24, 2020 at 09:48 AM

JJ

My sister Dorothy was so good to us three younger sisters. Every fall she made each one of us 5 dresses to wear to school. When we were teenagers Dorothy and Leslie lived in the country and we lived in Detroit. Every summer they had each one of us spend a week with them and treated us like princesses. When I graduated from high school they treated us to a wonderful vacation through the Bad Lands, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City and Omaha, Nebraska to visit our Grandma Jacobs and relatives. When our son Tom was diagnosed with MS his Aunt Dorothy remembered him every birthday and holiday with a card and letter. My sister had the biggest heart. I will miss her ❤️

Juliette Justin - May 24, 2020 at 07:24 PM