



## Bertha Smith

February 27, 1948 - September 7, 2021

Bertha Elizabeth "Bert" Smith 73, of Dafter, MI passed away on September 7, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital.

Bert was born on February 27, 1948, in St. Ignace, MI to the late Jacob and Isobel (Clement) Sheber. She was a graduate of La Salle High School with the class of 1966. Later in life, she attended LSSU earning an associate degree in Criminal Justice. While working as a bartender at the Holiday Inn in Dafter, she met her husband Gerald A Smith and on March 16, 1968, they were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Bert retired in 2012 from the Kinross Correctional Facility, after 20 years of service. She enjoyed being in the great outdoors, digging in the dirt, planting a variety of flowers and vegetables in her yard. She also enjoyed spending time at the casino playing the slots. Bert made every event special, from holidays to birthdays, attending her kids' and grandkids' games, concerts, and recitals. She lived for her family, always putting them first and before herself without fail. Her loving, generous spirit will remain ever present and remembered in the hearts and lives of her family and friends. She was honest and forthright, while still being in tune with the feelings of those she loved. Nothing mattered more to her than her family.

Bert is survived by her three children: Bridget (Patrick) Beatty of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Mike (Rebecca) Smith of Dafter, MI, and Deidre (Rob) Baker of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; six grandchildren: Brooke Baker, Kaitlyn, Patrick and Alanna Smith, and Jordan and Nick Beatty; and one great-grandchild: Brynlee

Ostrowski. She is also survived by two siblings: Jacob (Judy) Sheber II of Pierson, MI, and Aimee Penrose of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three siblings: Edward Sheber, Lenore Murray, and Isobel Flietstra

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at C.S. Mulder Funeral home from 5 PM until 8 PM. A memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on October 1, 2021, at St Joseph Catholic Church with Father Michael Chenier as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Bay Cliff Health Camp.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Just getting to know Bert was a glorious adventure. Told me stories of Grandma Clement...just little bits...Thank you Bertha for sharing stories of your life with me

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**Retta Clement** - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your folks and mine were good friends back in the day. We called your dad Uncle Gerald. So sorry for your loss.

*Paula Hillier-Davis ( Dale and Olive Hillier )*

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**Paula Hillier Davis** - September 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear family of Bertha Smith,  
I only know Pat Beatty, but I want to express my condolences to your family as you've lost one so dear. May your memories carry you during this difficult time.

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**Jane Kennedy** - September 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our family was saddened when we heard the news of her passing. She was a great neighbor and I enjoyed our talks, she loved to talk about her grandkids. I'll never forget the day our goats and lamb got out of the fence while we were in town. Mrs Smith called to let me know, we rushed home and all 3 of them were laying on her deck ( she put blankets down for them) and she was feeding them carrots. She will be missed greatly.

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**Anderson family** - September 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My little sister, my friend, my inspiration. She went to college showing me that I could better myself, as well. We had laughs, we had tears, we had each other. I miss her and I always will. She loved her family with all her heart. She wanted only the best for them. She was so proud of each of their talents and their choices. What more could anyone ask from a Mom and Gramma. When I needed her, she tried to be there for me and that was what mattered. Goodby, my Sissy, don't get too far ahead of me. Peace*



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**Aimee Joan Penrose** - September 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM