



D. Jean Smith

May 2, 1924 - September 20, 2009

D. Jean Smith, age 85, of Dafter, Michigan passed away Sunday morning, September 20, 2009 at War Memorial Hospital. Jean was born on May 2, 1924 in Dafter, Michigan to the late William and Edna (Richmond) Armstrong. Jean attended the Free Methodist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, where she was active in Women's Ministry International. She enjoyed cooking, baking and gardening. She was very good at hand crafts such as embroidering, hand sewing, quilting and needlepoint, and she loved to display her family heirlooms. Jean worked for Gamble Robinson which was a wholesale food distributor before her marriage. She also enjoyed selling Avon on the side. Jean is survived by her husband: Robert A. Smith whom she married on April 20, 1946 at the First Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, two sons: William R. (Andrea) Smith of Ft. Collins, CO, and Steven Smith of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; a daughter: Beverly (James) Atkins of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; eight grandchildren: Jamie, Jordan, Ryan (Sarah), Abby, Ivan, Emily, Kevin, Brandon (Mary); three great-grandchildren: Micah, Matthew and Sarah; and several nieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother: Clyde N. Armstrong. Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2009 from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held the same day at 3:00 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Daniel Waite officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Free Methodist Church of Sault Ste. Marie or a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *i love you granny!! rest easy.. :) miss you! -your favorite grandchild!!*

Emily Jean - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Nonnie, Jim & family . . . So very sorry for your loss. I was privileged to be a part of the Dafter years and to have had the joy of knowing your Mom. She will forever be remembered with love.
Hugs, Connie Kaye*

Connie Daley - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Bev and Jim,*

I read Ryan's post on Facebook yesterday and found out that your Mom passed away. I remember your Mom as a lady who always looked just perfect. I will always remember our first flight to the Mall of America. Wasn't that a trip! Please accept a virtual hug from me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Your friend, Lori

Lori Clarke - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Bev, Jim, Bill, Andrea, Steve, and Uncle Bob ~

I am so sad to hear of Aunt Jean's passing. She was by far my favorite aunt. I have so many fond memories of her and I spending days together when I was little. I will miss her! Love you Aunt Jean!!

Dave and Debbi

Debbi - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Bill, Bev, Steve and families, So sorry to hear about your mother. Dafter has lost one of their pioneers. We were all fortunate to grow up in this little town which was very much a big family in those days. Arlen and I are thinking about all of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Lovada (Young) Bell

Lovada Bell - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Smith family, We are so saddened with your loss. Your wife, mother, grandmother, was a beautiful person. I loved being with her. When she told her stories of Dafter it was like reliving it with her. I looked forward to our WMI meeting each month sometimes after the meeting we would go for a short ride before heading home. When I loss my mom she was my comfort zone. What a neat put together lady she was. I wish I had a fraction of her class. As I write this with an aching heart I thank God that I was able to have her in my life. I will miss so much!!!!!!! God bless you all during this difficult time.

Karen & Bob Brown - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I know there are never the right words to help you all over the hurdle of losing such a special person in your lives. I do however, want to express my sadness at the loss of such a wonderful woman. Bev & Jim, Ryan & Sarah, Abby, Em, Steve I wish I could be there to support you through this difficult time. Just know I love you all and will keep you and all the family in my prayers. Jean will be missed by so many.

*Love you all
Jeannie & John*

Jeannie & John O'Connor - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *RIP Grandma, I Will miss you greatly.
Love Jordan*

Jordan R Smith - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *What good memories I have of growing up in the same church, CYC, attending camp at Manton, the Christmas programs,*

I always thought your mom was absolutely gorgeous, a model type, the epitome of style and fashion. :)

You are definitely in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Pat (Root) Knapp - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Jean was a special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Chuck Hubbert for the Hubbert Family

Chuck Hubbert - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bev and family*

So sorry to hear about your mom. She was always such a regal lady. I loved her smile.

Carol and family

Carol Campbell - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM