



Dorothy Marie Smith

August 24, 1928 - October 6, 2023

Dorothy Marie (Tremblay) Smith, age 95, of Rudyard, Michigan died on October 6, 2023. She was born on August 24, 1928, in Rudyard, Michigan, to Albert Joseph and Louise Marie (Knauf) Tremblay.

Dorothy graduated from Rudyard High School in 1947 and married Milbun “Bud” Smith on August 23, 1947, at the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Rudyard. She worked as a homemaker and cleaned houses. In 1968, they started and operated Smith Sanitation, with Dorothy and the kids operating the sanitation business, and later passing the business down to son Fred Smith.

Dorothy was a lifelong member of the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Rudyard, Michigan.

Dorothy loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed embroidering, making beautiful ornaments for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, word search puzzles, and spending winters in Alabama.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Hazel (Roger) Metts of Uriah, AL; sons, Robert Smith of Bradley, SD, Roy (Carol) Smith of Belding, and Paul Smith of Kincheloe; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Sandy Smith; sister-in-law, Karen Tremblay;

and sister, Ann Sadler of Marquette.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Milbun; sons, Frederick Smith and Al Smith; daughters-in-law, Jackie Smith and Brenda Smith; brother, Louis Tremblay of Rudyard; sister, Bertha Williams of Fibre; and brothers-in-law, Pat Sadler and Bob Williams.

Memorial Services will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 10:00 am at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rudyard.

Final Resting Place will be at the North Rudyard Cemetery in Rudyard, Michigan.

in lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rudyard or to Corewell Health Hospice in Grand Rapids

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

North Rudyard Township Cemetery

15141 S Tilson Rd
Rudyard, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
11509 W. H-140
Rudyard, MI

Tribute Wall



“ To all of Dorothy’s children and extended family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom, grandma, great grandma, and great, great grandma. What a huge gang of people! We will all have a huge reunion in heaven someday. My husband Leland has passed away since 2001, but to this day I tell all my grandchildren (21) the sweetest stories of us living in the trailer behind Bud and Dorothy while Leland was in the Air Force at the base there, and also them coming here to Toledo with their trailer and staying with us every now and then. I can smell your mom’s bread baking in the oven now. Well, love to you all, we have a prayer warrior in heaven now to pray for all of us. What a tender and merciful world it would be if we could all emulate her goodness. Dorothy in heaven pray for us down here on earth that we may follow the words of Jesus to love one another as He has loved us. Amen. Love, Joan Glenn

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