



Jo Ann (Smith) Tiefenbach

January 25, 1943 - October 28, 2025

Jo Ann (Smith) Tiefenbach, age 82, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died on October 28, 2025, at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born on January 25, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, to Max and Madge (Beard) Smith.

Jo graduated from Cooley High School with the Class of 1961. Not long after, she married Leonard Alvin "Buddy" Tiefenbach, on January 26, 1962.

Together they made their home in Livonia, Michigan, where they started their family and built a life full of love and laughter. In 1974, Jo and Buddy moved to Drummond Island, a place that quickly became home. There, Jo owned and operated her own hair salon for many years and built lasting friendships with her clients and neighbors.

Jo was active in her community and served on many local committees over the years. She had a love for life that showed in everything she did, whether she was bowling, crafting, or spending time outdoors gardening, hunting, fishing, or snowmobiling. She was happiest surrounded by family, friends, and the beauty of the island she called home.

Jo Ann lived a life full of love, laughter, and purpose, a life well lived and deeply treasured by all who knew her. When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

Jo is survived by her sons, Keith (Donna) Tiefenbach and Scott Tiefenbach, both of Drummond Island; daughter, Windy Tiefenbach of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; grandchildren, Jessica Tiefenbach, Ashly (Andrew) Dorman, Amber (Conor) Egan, Brooke Tiefenbach, Matthew Tiefenbach, Pearl Tiefenbach, Nathan Tiefenbach, Christopher Crawley, Caleb Ross, Makayla Tiefenbach; great-grandchildren, William Witcher, Madilin Morris-Page, Oskar Tiefenbach, Adison Dorman, Aleah Dorman, Anden Dorman, Brecken Egan, Keely Egan, Pdraig Egan, Keirnan Egan, Rylee Tiefenbach, Lillian Tiefenbach, Katheryn Crawley, Addison Crawley, Mya Crawley and Emmet, Braxley and Wrenly.

Jo was preceded in death by her husband Leonard; parents, Max and Madge Smith; and sister, Maryland.

A Celebration of Life and luncheon will be held at the Drummond Island Township Hall, 29935 E Pine St, Drummond, MI 49726, with the date and time to be announced soon.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ From the time I was young I always remember JoAnn keeping the Drummond Island ladies hair cut and colored and styled.



Lisa Bosley - November 10, 2025 at 05:50 PM

DW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I loved your mom, she was always nothing but sweet to me, when ever we saw each other. Rip Jo ❤️

Deb woods-lazarz - November 05, 2025 at 07:38 PM

TF

“ I worked with Jo Ann at the Kewadin Casino in Hessel. She loved to laugh and worked fast in our bar and deli. Jo Ann would enjoy playing the Blazing "7's" machines and on Friday and Saturday nights she would all worry about catching the Drummond Island Ferry after work. Her daughter Wendy also worked with us back in the table games area. Jo Ann was good people and was a pleasure to work with.....

Tel Fox - November 05, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, Jo Ann was very special lady always had a smile on her face

Mark & Lori Miller - November 05, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MB

So sorry for your loss. Joanne cut my hair as a kid. She will be missed.

Michael Bailey - November 05, 2025 at 11:31 PM

M&

“ Sending sympathy to all of JoAnns family Mike & Diane



M&D - November 05, 2025 at 11:50 AM

SS

So sorry for your loss, she was a great lady. I had fun working with her. She will be missed. Sending Sympathy. Sharon Sadegh

Sharon sadegh - November 05, 2025 at 12:56 PM