



Judy Ann Smith

April 22, 1950 - January 16, 2025

Our beautiful mother, Judy Ann Smith, age 74, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She was born on April 22, 1950, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Judy was adopted at just under a year old by Thomas and Mabel (Kronquist) Manse.

Judy grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Loretto Catholic Central High School. She attended St Mary's School of Cosmetology and worked in several northern Michigan communities including the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

During Judy's teen years, she worked for her father at the Valley Camp, giving tours of the ship. She often traveled with him as he took photographs of ships that he used in his book, "Know Your Ship."

In 1972, Judy gave birth to her first child, Todd. In 1974, she moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, with her husband and gave birth to her daughter, Shanyn. She returned to Sault Ste. Marie in 1977, and that was the beginning of her fifty-five-year career making Sault Ste. Marie beautiful!

Judy worked at a few beauty shops including Marilyn's Beauty Salon, Looking Glass, and Le Salon. She moved to Florida for a year before coming home to take care of her dad who had become ill. Judy then opened her own beauty

salon “Judy and Company” and continued working until June of 2024. Judy was considered a magician when it came to hair; she made sure her customers were happy when they left her, always using the finest quality and earth-friendly products. Judy had a passion for nutrition and enjoyed talking nutrition, politics, and making her clients laugh while in her chair. For many years, Judy also went to the local nursing homes and styled the residents' hair so they could still feel beautiful.

Judy was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, a Cub Scout-Den Mother, and a treasurer and delegate for the Chippewa County Republican Party for many years.

Judy was a meticulous seamstress; she did many alterations for years and enjoyed sewing her children's clothes when they were young. She was a natural caregiver, always helping someone in need. She enjoyed putting her class reunion parties together - her classmates considered her the glue that kept the class together. Judy was fond of her Tuesday night bible studies and spending time with her loved ones. She was a giver; she went above and beyond to help those in need and donated to many charities and her time to help those who needed it most. She enjoyed traveling the country and visiting her children and grandchildren and they looked forward to her visits.

Judy is survived by her son, Todd (Kimberly) Ruelle of Fon du lac, Wisconsin; daughter, Shanyn Aldridge of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Taylor and Morgan Ruelle, Hunter (Grace), Cody, Chase Aldridge; and sister, Cindy Manse of Brimley, Michigan.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Mable; and nephew, Jeffery Sharp.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at the St. Mary's

Catholic Church, 377 Maple St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Mass will begin at 11:00 AM with a luncheon to follow at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 2755 Ashmun St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or St. Mary's Catholic School, 360 Maple St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Judy's final resting place will be at the Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Township, Michigan, in the Spring of 2025.

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

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral
377 Maple St
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-2067

Mass

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Luncheon to follow service at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I was so surprised when I heard of Judy's passing, she always had the biggest smile for everyone. Judy you will be deeply missed...My Deepest Condolences to her family 💔

Jenny Gillotte - January 25, 2025 at 06:24 PM

TC

“ Judy and I went through high school together at Loretto Catholic High School.. We had a lot of teenage fun together along with Jacquie and Jean.. I'll keep those secrets 😊. She will be missed so much by family and friends.. Rest peacefully Judy.. Your family will all be there for each other .. they got their strength from you ❤️🙏

Terri Corr - January 21, 2025 at 09:20 PM

MB

“ Mary Anne Kibble Bumstead lit a candle in memory of Judy Ann Smith



mary anne kibble bumstead - January 21, 2025 at 08:32 PM

MB

Dear Cindy
I am so very sorry for your loss keeping you and all Judy's family in my thoughts and prayers

mary anne kibble bumstead - January 21, 2025 at 08:35 PM

JD

Hello - I am from Sault Canada and I couldn't make it to the funeral. I am so sorry for your loss. It's shocking and so very sad. I've only been going to her for a year or more and she was wonderful and so helpful especially with the wigs. I would like to speak with you if possible. You can message me at (705) 989-6381. My name is Joy DeCourcy

Joy DeCourcy - January 27, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LS

“ I remember Judy giving me perms as a child. She was always someone I admired. Rest in peace. Lisa Spang

Lisa Spang - January 21, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Judy Ann Smith.

January 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Judy Ann Smith.



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TF

“ Terri Corr and Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Judy Ann Smith.



Terri Corr and Family - January 21, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CN

“ Hello I was a longtime friend of Judy’s from Grand Rapids, Mi we lost touch over the years but often thought of year. She lived with me in Grand Rapids while working at a salon in side Meijer! She was such a beautiful soul. My my deepest condolences go out to you and your family! Cheryl Noffsinger ❤️

cheryl Noffsinger - January 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM