



June Ann (Smith) Uponen

May 6, 1937 - September 19, 2024

June Ann (Smith) Uponen, age 87, of Rudyard, Michigan, died on September 19, 2024, at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault. She was born on May 6, 1937, in Pickford, Michigan, to George and Nellie (Nolan) Smith.

June was born and raised in Pickford on her family's farm. After school, she worked on her family's farm. She married Reino Uponen on May 14, 1955, and the two settled in Rudyard where they started their family. June went to work at the Rudyard Co-op once her children were grown and worked there for forty years.

June was a member of the Rudyard 4909 VFW Auxiliary in.

June enjoyed watching football, as well as the Redwings. She enjoyed going snowmobiling and camping.

June is survived by her daughter, Debora (Bob) Churchill; son, Neil Uponen; grandchildren, Wayne (Denise) Uponen, Ben (Amanda) Churchill, Hilary Uponen, Nicholas (Rebekah) Churchill, and Ryan (Brandy) Uponen; and great-grandchildren, Kaiden Uponen, Lilly Uponen, Mason Uponen, and Hailey Uponen.

June was preceded in death by her husband, Reino; parents, George and

Nellie; and siblings, Clifford Smith, Dale Smith, Vern Smith, Ruby MacDonald, Maxine Fenner, and Jerry Smith.

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774. The Funeral Service will follow immediately at 3:00 PM.

Final resting place will be North Rudyard Cemetery, in Rudyard, Michigan.

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

Cemetery Details

North Rudyard Cemetery (aka Rudyard Township Cemetery)

Rudyard Township c/o Jan Besteman
P.O. Box 277
Rudyard, MI 49780

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Ann (Smith) Uponen.



September 30, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ Neil and Family, please accept our deepest condolences. May your memories be filled with love, smiles and laughter. Love, hugs and prayers sent. Jamie (McCoy) Harvey and family.

Jamie McCoy Harvey - September 29, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ June was such a sweet soul. She would greet everyone with a big smile and soft hello, Whether she was down at the bridge after the “ pine river run” or at wing night at Hucks! Rudyard lost a gem , June will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her❤️

Kori Eby - September 26, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ To the family of June. So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful person and friend, and we will miss the greetings we received from her. She will be missed. Herb & Ruthann Volz, Phoenix, AZ.



Ruthann Kay Volz - September 26, 2024 at 11:35 AM