



Nancy Faye Smith

September 2, 1952 - November 5, 2025

Nancy Faye Smith, age 73, of Hessel, Michigan, died on November 5, 2025, in St. Ignace, Michigan. She was born on September 2, 1952, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Fred Howard and Frances Marian (Causley) Smith.

Nancy grew up in Hessel and St. Ignace, Michigan, where her life was surrounded by family, friends, and the beauty of the Upper Peninsula she loved so much. She was deeply loved by her family and will be remembered for her kind heart, her laughter, and her joyful spirit.

Nancy enjoyed spending time at the casino, listening to music, and singing along to her favorite songs. She also loved coloring pictures, making jewelry for friends and family, flipping through magazines, singing, and sharing family dinners and get-togethers for birthdays and Christmas. Those moments—filled with love, laughter, and togetherness—brought her the greatest joy.

She will be forever missed by her family and friends, who will cherish the many memories they shared with her.

Nancy is survived by her sisters, Maggie Rounds and Betty Smith both of Hessel; brother, Fred Smith of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Fred & Frances; siblings, Mary (Bill) Albert, Frances (Tony) Hamel, Bev (“Buddy”) LaFrenier, Becky Smith, Patty (Mike) Chambers; brothers-in-law, Henry Rounds and Ken Ermatinger; and nephews, Tony “Chito” Hamel and Paul LaFrenier.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Heidi, Nicole, Brandi, and all those who cared for Nancy over the years. Your care and compassion were truly unwavering, and your kindness brought comfort to her and her loved ones.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on November 14, 2025, from 12:00 Noon till 1:00 PM, at the Tribal Health Center, 3355 N. 3 Mile Rd, Hessel, MI 49745. Services will follow at 1:00 PM. Nancy will be buried at the Italian Cemetery in Hessel next to her parents. The family invites everyone to join them after for a luncheon and share memories of Nancy.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Bay Human Services – Portage House - W568 Old Portage Trail, St. Ignace, MI 49781

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

Cemetery Details

Italian Cemetery (aka Maplewood)

Clark Township Office
P.O. Box 367
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

NOV **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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3355 N 3 Mile Rd
Hessel, MI 49745

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have wonderful memories of Nancy from many years ago. Fly high with the Angels Nancy, you sure have earned your wings!

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“ Joe / Tiphane & Sophianne Smith purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Nancy Faye Smith.



Joe / Tiphane & Sophianne Smith - November 11, 2025 at 04:02 PM