



Roxanna Mary (Massaway) Smith

January 19, 1956 - February 21, 2024

Roxanna Mary (Massaway) Smith, age 68, passed away peacefully in her home on February 21, 2024, surrounded by family and friends, and watching her last sunset over the hill she so loved. She was born on January 19, 1956, in St. Ignace, to Jim and Ardith “Nan” (Sorenson) Massaway.

Roxanna grew up in St. Ignace and graduated from LaSalle High School. She worked as a server at the Driftwood Bar as well as other local restaurants for fifty years of her life and was well known for her sharp wit and warm smile. She took great pleasure in the countless conversations with locals and visitors alike, and welcomed tourists who would return year after year.

Roxanna was a member of the St. Ignatius Loyola Church and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Roxanna enjoyed being outside, working on her flower beds and garden, chatting it up with her friends, and spending time with her family.

Roxanna is survived by her husband of 42 years, John Smith; daughter, Nickie (Nate) Stenson; son, Jake Smith; grandchildren, Lily Stenson, and Curtis Stenson; siblings Jim (Jean) Massaway, Kathy (Dave) Schlehuber, Debbie (Tom) Tamlyn, Marty Massaway, Tammy (Les) Mahlow and Kandy Massaway; and mother-in-law, Sharon Smith.

Roxanna was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Nan Massaway, and father-in-law, Terry Smith.

A Celebration of Life will be hosted at Johnny and Roxanna's home, N1496 Smith Road St. Ignace, MI 49781, on July 20, 2024.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

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Johnny & Roxanna's Home
N1496 Smith Road
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall

HC

“ I went through school with Roxy and remained friends through the years even after I moved away. She was kind, thoughtful and told hilarious stories.

In recent years when I went home, I'd stay at the Driftwood motel. I'd get a call first thing in the morning from Roxy saying "Hey Vachon, get your a\$\$ down to the office!" lol I'll miss that call, her wit, humor and Christmas cards. Sincere condolences to her family who she loved so deeply ❤️

Helmi Vachon Courtade - March 03, 2024 at 12:45 AM



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Family Life Funeral Homes - March 01, 2024 at 09:45 AM

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“ That smile of hers...I worked with Roxann at the CobbleStone. Any any time we would meet up some where ai always felt better having talked with her.one of a kind rest in peace sister. Cheryl Rountree

Cheryl Rountree - February 23, 2024 at 12:51 PM

HC

I grew up with Roxy. We stayed friends all these years even though I moved away long ago. She was kind, thoughtful and very funny. My heart goes out to her family and many friends. She will be missed ❤️

Helmi Vachon Courtade - February 25, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MR

She was kind, smart, caring, and strong-willed. Somehow I think she will be looking after those she loves.

Mary Rhoades - March 02, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MB

Roxanne was always quick with a smile and a chuckle. She certainly loved life, and I have so many great memories of growing up with her (and the rest of the Massaways!) on Medora Street. RIP, sweet gal. Enjoy this peace. You deserve it ❤️

MJ Bishop - March 06, 2024 at 08:50 AM