



Stephanie Joy Smith

August 5, 1974 - December 17, 2020

Stephanie Joy (Chard) Smith, age 46, of Hessel, Michigan, died December 17, 2020, in Petoskey, Michigan. She was born August 5, 1974, in Petoskey, to Marvin James Chard and Edna Mae (Turk) Chard.

Stephanie, as a young child, moved to Florida with her mom where she attended school. At age 17, she returned to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where she attended Bay Mills Community College and earned her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother who were nurses. She worked at War Memorial Hospital and volunteered with the Clark Township Ambulance Corps. She met Paul Richard Smith and they started their family. They married July 22, 2006 in Hessel. Stephanie also worked for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and most recently for Medilodge. She had a kind giving spirit and her door was always open to family and friends.

Stephanie attended the Les Cheneaux Christian Fellowship, the First Union Church, and the Bethel Lutheran Church.

Stephanie loved spending time with her family and was always taking pictures. She was the fun mom who always transported her kids and their friends and liked to go to all the school sports and music events. She loved her grandchildren and would often “spoil” them with ice cream before dinner.

Stephanie is survived by her husband, Paul Smith; daughters, Julia Smith and Reagan Smith of Hessel; step-children, Katie (Anthony) Scheib of Sterling Heights, Michigan, Amy (James Davis) Smith of Clinton Township, Michigan, and Jake (Erika) Smith of Superior, Wisconsin; and grandchildren, Emily Gardner, Addison Gardner, Lucas Scheib, Avery Davis, Marquette Smith, and Hogan Smith; mother, Edna Chard; father and step-mother, Marvin and Elaine Chard of Hessel; siblings, Donald Ray Thon of Hessel, Kelly (Jim) Kopko of Pickford, Pennie (Mark) Clymer of Cedarville, Jeff Thon of Hessel, Shannon (Dave) Vander'Werp of Muskegon, Michigan, Linda Leon, Mary Beth Risk of Sault Ste. Marie; and sisters-in-law, Joyce (Steven) Crandall, Barbara (Rod) Taber, Christine (Keith) Coderre, and Barbara Smith.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Helen and Earl Turk; paternal grandparents, Julia and Marvin Chard; brothers, Norm Leshinsky and Johnny Mrozek; sister, Helen Ann Leshinsky; and brother-in-law, Rick Smith.

A memorial service will be held in the spring or summer of 2021.

Tribute Wall



“ Stephanie Joy Smith

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Stephanie Joy Smith

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Stephanie Joy Smith

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ She was such a sweet gal. Dad was in the home at the Soo and she was so helpful. We could call her anytime of day or night. She will be missed and love to her family.

Phyllis Cox - January 02, 2021 at 12:34 AM



“ Stephanie was always like family to me. When I was younger I lived right across the street from her, she always made me feel welcome. We caught a turtle once and painted our names on it with nail polish and let it go in her back yard. I thought it was the coolest thing at the time. lol .I LOVED her personality and her laugh, I will miss her very much. Sending lots of virtual hugs to her and her family.
Casandra

Casandra McGruther - December 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Barbara Taber lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Joy Smith*



Barbara Taber - December 25, 2020 at 02:34 PM

BT

“ *There are no words at such a time as this, but know you are held close in heart and high in support and love today and everyday♥ here for you always and whenever you need.*

Barbara Taber - December 25, 2020 at 02:32 PM

PS

“ *Pj Smith lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Joy Smith*



Pj Smith - December 24, 2020 at 11:05 PM

KC

“ *Karen Crandall lit a candle in memory of Stephanie Joy Smith*



Karen Crandall - December 23, 2020 at 09:13 PM



Stephanie has been a great neighbor and friend to us for 20 years ,we are sorry to hear that such a beautiful young lady was snatched away from us . May the Lord comfort her family in this difficult time . I remember her gatherings during Boat show days .She has always welcomed us with open arms . Ken and Lidia Leanin

Lidia A Leanin - January 02, 2021 at 12:39 PM