



Clara A. Smith

September 16, 1925 - November 21, 2016

Clara Ann Smith, 91, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2016 at Crawford County Continuing Care in Grayling. She was born on September 16, 1925 in Hulbert, MI to the late Noble and Mable (Thompson) Carroll. Clara is survived by her children, Ron (Sandy) James of Oregon, Danny Newhouse of Missouri, Melody Newhouse of Missouri, Kathleen (Joe) Shepherd of Missouri, Leonard Smith of California and Kevin (Sharon) Smith of Grayling, MI; 18 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. Clara was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard R. Smith. Clara married Leonard R. Smith, December 22, 1952 in Pinal, AZ. Together their adventures led them to be certified scuba divers. They enjoyed diving for gold in the High Sierra's in California and skin diving off the coast of California and Mexico. Another adventure led them to a deep sea dive with Jacques Cousteau's son Philippe off the coast of California. On one family trip to Mio in the 60's they were attending a Paul Bunyan festival. The town was talking about a boat that had sunk in the Mio Pond and whoever retrieved it could have it. Clara and Leonard walked over to the trunk of the car, got their wet suits on and located the families first boat which they towed home. Clara went to Israel with sister, Betty and Murray Bicknell. They were all baptized by Pat Boone and George Otis in the Jordon River. Her hobbies also included painting as she was a very talented artist. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Funeral services are on Saturday at 1:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Eric Black

officiating. Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2525 Beebe Rd. NW, Kalkaska, MI 49646. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara A. Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Clara A. Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Connie, my unique friend, so sorry to learn of her passing. We enjoyed our time spent together. Always in my heart, Jan*

December 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so lucky and grateful to have spent so much time with awesome Aunt Connie. She always thought of me and brought special gifts for me when I saw her. You would never know that she was one in 10 kids, with dozens of nieces and nephews, as well as a daughter, dear mother and wife. She had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the world. Aunt Connie - often wearing hot pink with aplomb - was funny, smart and incredibly ambitious. Her accomplishments were many. I once came across a list of all the jobs that Aunt Connie had worked - I think it was close to 78 - and she was only a young 60 year old at the time. She touted swimming a mile in the Pacific, well, just because she could. The world is a better place because of Aunt Connie. She left behind a great legacy - through her kids, grandkids, great grandkids and the rest of us that she touched in her special way. A gal like Aunt Connie comes around once in a lifetime. She will be missed by many for a long long time. All my love to those I know are hurting. Please know am I thinking of you often. Rebecca "Becky", Betty and Murray's daughter

rebecca ruggero - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hey mom, well it's been a week since you passed away. I miss you so very much. I try to get peace in my heart knowing your OK. I will do my best to be a good person and the man you want me to be. It was such a blessing you being my Mother. I will always think of you and love you for the rest of my life. Thank you for everything. You are and always will be my Mom and my best friend. I love you Kevin Lodbo

Kevin Smith - November 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Blessings and prays to Clara's family, she was a good person

Dodge Thompson - November 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss our frindship and your smile*

joe thompson - November 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM