



Barbara J. Smith

December 13, 1939 - October 21, 2020

Barbara Smith passed away on October 21, 2020 at the age of 80, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Barbara was born on December 13, 1939 to Fletcher and Doris House of Royal Oak, and was a Dondero High School graduate.

In 1959, Barbara married her husband, Maurice, whom she met in Harrison, Michigan while spending time at her family's cabin. Barbara and Maurice resided in Royal Oak, in the same home in which Barbara grew up, until Maurice retired. At that time they sold their home and began splitting their time between their cabin in Harrison and an RV Park in Bandera, Texas.

Barbara had several jobs including working at the Royal Oak Post Office and as an Avon sales representative, but her most important and most cherished job was raising her son, Maurice "Reese." From the day he was born, she devoted her life to him. She spent a great deal of quality time with him, taught him life lessons, and made sure that he had a childhood filled with adventures and fond memories. She, along with her husband, volunteered regularly at his schools and his marching band competitions; attended his baseball games and music performances; and went to races and car cruises with him often.

Barbara will be greatly missed by her husband of sixty years, Maurice; her son

Maurice "Reese" (Lynn); her sister-in-law, Linda DeBarr; and her grandchildren: Isabella, Victor, and Fletcher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

Visitation will take place Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service, 2 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. In accordance with Michigan Public Health recommendations, masks are required upon entering the funeral home and there is currently a maximum of twenty people allowed at one time in the room for the visitation and funeral. Interment will take place at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

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Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

VA

“ Dear Maurice, Reese and family - We were saddened by the news of Barbara's passing. I have very early memories as a young girl at the Harrison cottage, hanging with all the teenage cousins and enjoying summertime fun! And later, of times spent with Barbara and Maurice at the Harrison cottage, when they had their pick up camper, and feeding Broomie carrots and sugar cubes! I have memories of spending time pouring over old photographs and genealogy records with Barbara - it was her passion, and I appreciate all the information she had to share about the very early Brown family history. Maurice, you and Barbara were great together ... devoted to one another and very much in love. We will keep you and your whole family in our prayers.

Valerie - October 24, 2020 at 10:14 AM

VP

“ Maurice, Reese, and family
I'm so thankful to have had Barbara for family- the exposure to the north woods changed the direction of my life and the loving care given by the House and Smith family's are some of my fondest memories. God bless all of you- we send a long distance hug!
All our love Verne, Claire and Ashley Potrykus



verne potrykus - October 23, 2020 at 03:17 PM

JC

“ I will always cherish the memories of our summers at the Harrison cabin. I was there when we met the Smith's (Linda, Maggie, Justice, Maurice, Forrest). We sure had a lot of fun up there. God bless you, your cousin Jim

James Potrykus, cousin - October 23, 2020 at 09:51 AM