



Virginia "Jenny" Smith

July 20, 1934 - August 4, 2023

Virginia "Jenny" Smith, age 89, longtime resident of Warren and Sterling Heights, passed away on August 4, 2023.

Beloved wife of the late Donald W. Smith. Loving mother of Linnae Matye and Donald J. (Ellen) Smith. Proud grandmother of Tony (Lindsey), Ian, Kyle (Jeff), and Steve; and great-grandmother of Larkin. Dear sister of Helen Hunt and Jeannette Costeiu; and sister-in-law of Terry (Nancy) Smith. Further survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jenny grew up in Hazel Park, where she was childhood friends with the boy who would one day become her husband. In fact, past would become prologue, as she and Donald took part in a pretend "wedding" when they were both just five years old. The real wedding would take place fourteen years later, with even the "best man" from the childhood ceremony, now all grown up, fulfilling the same role from years prior.

Jenny was an accomplished businesswoman who owned and operated her own travel agency, Worldwide Specialists Travel, in Troy. Owning a travel agency allowed Jenny and Donald to go on many travel adventures of their own. In her free time, she loved gambling on the slot machines, golfing, and dancing. Above all else though, Jenny adored her family and particularly enjoyed cooking for everyone. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will take place on Monday, August 7 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. (9:30 visitation) at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org <<http://www.heart.org>>) or the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org <<http://www.kidney.org>>).

Share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com <<http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com>>.

Cemetery Details

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue
(NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)
Berkley, MI 48072

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Funeral Service

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just came across this notice today (7-10-24). To Jenny's 2 children, I remember your mother so well. I met her when I worked at Warren Bank as a part time teller, back when I was much younger attending college. Your mom was absolutely my all time favorite customer. She was one of the nicest individuals I've ever met. Never forgot her. She was so kind, so generous, so friendly. Always smiling. Always in a good mood. Always talking so proudly of her children. She booked a cruise for my wife and I years later for our honeymoon, through her travel company. I recently lost my mother too (absolutely the worse experience of my life). I am so sorry for your loss. I will never forget your mother's kindness and what a great lady she was.

Dino - July 10, 2024 at 08:27 PM

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“ my condolences go out to Jennys sisters and her children. may she rest in eternal peace

joseph wojtan - August 07, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Smith.



August 06, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Virginia "Jenny" Smith.

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“ Joanne Haney and Jean Boeger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Smith.



Joanne Haney and Jean Boeger - August 06, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia "Jenny" Smith.



August 06, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ Her. smile was huge just like her heart. She made us laugh and we enjoyed being around her always. She always made my husband's day whenever he got a chance to say hello to her in the travel office. His company had offices in the same building. Helen and Jeannette I adore you both. My love to the family. We are in Nashville or would be at the funeral.

Lois and Terry Gillespie - August 05, 2023 at 11:10 PM

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Jenny was a very special person who will be always missed with a smile. We enjoyed her visits to FL & could not wait to see her. We talked & laugh together for hours. My husband & I extend our sympathy to her dear family. I tried to communicate several times after h the calls did not go thru. She will be sorrowfully missed Aleida & Ron batterson

Aleida Batterson - March 16, 2024 at 02:24 PM