



## Cheryl Lynn Smith

June 1, 1949 - November 25, 2022

Cheryl Lynn Smith, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, departed the earth to be with her Lord and Savior on November 25, 2022.

Cheryl was born June 1, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to Edmond and Anna Roman. She graduated high school with honors in 1967 from Cousino High School in Warren, Michigan. It was at Cousino that she connected with the love of her life, Robert Smith who she had known since grade school. Little did she know then that they would go on to be high school sweethearts and eventually marry and build a life together for 53 years. They married in 1969 after Bob (in his words) “attempted multiple times to convince Cheryl he was good enough to be her husband”. Cheryl graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor’s degree in education, majoring in English. It was then that they built their first new home in 1971 in New Baltimore Michigan.

Cheryl secured a job in the Utica Community School district as an elementary school teacher. Their first-born child was a son, Scot. Their daughter, Stacie followed shortly after as the completion of their family. They built their second home in Troy, Michigan where Cheryl was a devoted stay at home mother.

She was consistently involved in the kid’s elementary school PTO and served as the President of the Parent Teacher Organization for many years.

As their children were growing, Cheryl got involved in youth ministry at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, Michigan. She worked alongside the notorious Mark Springer to keep teens engaged and enthused in their faith life. Cheryl and Mark went on to write and publish a book, “The 7 Principles of Effective Youth

Ministry.” She was known by many in that community. The uplifting experiences Cheryl had participating in the youth group led her to become a part-time employee at St. Anastasia as the Confirmation Coordinator. St. Anastasia saw Cheryl’s impact on the youth and added the “Teen Purpose” program to her plate.

After building their third house in Clarkston, Michigan, Cheryl also had a great passion for helping others in the end-of-life process. She left youth ministry to become a Hospice Chaplin at Henry Ford Hospice in Warren, Michigan. She comforted many families during their loved one's transition and guided her patients to a pain free afterlife with great faith.

After realizing that a corporate hospital limited her abilities to help people in the way her Lord blessed her, she decided to move on and work independently to assist in funeral services and work as a Funeral Presider. She relished in putting together personalized and heartfelt funeral services while incorporating faith and belief in an afterlife for those who experienced loss of loved ones.

Cheryl had many circles of friends and participated in strong faith groups of loving, caring people who shared her love for the Lord. Cheryl never hesitated to help wherever and however she could when the people she cared for were in need. She was persistent, organized, and a critical thinker. She loved deeply and was passionate about being a good friend.

Cheryl’s most cherished job was “Mimi” to her grandchildren, Annie and Jack. Mimi was proud of the wonderful young people they are as they continue to serve their community and accomplish positive changes that contribute to society with love and compassion. She never missed an opportunity to be their biggest cheerleader and she would outdo anyone to maintain her number one cheerleader status. She not only encouraged and sent affirmations to them, but their friends and their supporters as well. She was sure to show her gratitude and support for those who supported her most prized possessions. Cheryl was a devoted wife and gave her whole heart to Bob. Bob was always her number one priority. She cared for him and was cared for by him in ways

and at length that very few are blessed to experience. They shared so much of their life together. They went through exceedingly difficult times together and always stayed united in their trials and tribulations. Cheryl and Bob enjoyed many fantastic adventures and vacations. Their greatest and most beloved job of being grandparents was the greatest reward and fruits of their labor.

Cheryl was predeceased by her parents, Anna and Edmond Roman, in-laws, Jack and Marie Smith and her brother-in-law, Joe Smith. Also preceded by her furry loves, Hanz, Rusty, and Buddy.

Cheryl was a dedicated mother to Scot and Stacie (Dennis Droelle).

Grandmother to Ann and Jack Droelle. She is survived by her brother David Roman (Cheryl), her sister Debbi Roman-Saloka (Paul), her brother in-laws John Smith (Jeannette), Donald Smith (Janeen) her sister-in-laws Tereasann (Steve) and Mary Smith (Joe). Also survived by a wealth of nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews that she cherished, and an overabundance of friends she chose as family. She was filled with gratitude for each of her friends, relationships, and the times that they shared.

Cheryl was a positive light in so many lives. She will be missed endlessly.

“I am filled with the light of Christ.” ~ Cheryl Smith 11/14/2022

The family will welcome visitors at E. J Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home in Sterling Heights Michigan on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 2:00pm to 9:00pm with a celebration service beginning at 6:00pm. The family is encouraging memories to be shared during the service with anyone that wishes to do so.

Donations are not expected and completely unnecessary, however would be accepted as a scholarship for Ann and Jack Droelle while they are studying at Grand Valley State University and University of Michigan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights  
3801 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
(586) 997-3838

## Prayer Service

DEC 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cheryl Lynn Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Cheryl Lynn Smith*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Cheryl not only connected with our family through Teen Purpose at St. Anastasia's but also with my Dad and Mom when my Dad was in Hospice Care. She was a very spiritual and kind person. My condolences and prayers go out to her family. Lorrie Courtney and family*

**Lorrie Courtney** - December 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *To the family of Cheryl Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. Bill & Shirley Ebert*

**Bill & Shirley Ebert** - December 02, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Dear Bob and family, your beautiful writeup about Cheryl so describes the loving and generous woman we came to know and love through the faith-sharing group. We send our love to you and offer our prayers for comfort at this most unexpected and difficult time. Cynthia and Dale*

**Cynthia Brown** - December 02, 2022 at 06:16 AM

GC

“ My story of Cheryl begins with my father, Theodore Waligora, a resident of Regency at Shelby. He did not achieve his goal, to walk. I was visiting him along with his sister in law Eunice. He wanted something to eat, but nothing from the kitchen. I offered to get soup from a restaurant. He agreed. Eunice decided to stay with him. I returned with the soup. At that time, Eunice put her finger to her lips when I started to talk. She said that he died just as I was walking in. Eunice said that he didn't want me to be present.

After a while, I decided to go to a manager to discuss what I have too due. I rang the desk bell. .A woman came. She did call a supervisor.. No one came, but told her that a funeral vehicle will be coming.

The whole time I was stumbling, confused, and alone. I was still at the desk. Then a lady asked if she could help, She invited me to tell her what happened. .I did and began to calm down, Her name was Cheryl. We went to my Dad. She offered to pray. I accepted. Slowly I calmed.

A worker came to inform me what needs to be done. Cheryl left to tell her husband in another room about what was happening. She returned till the vehicle came and my Dad taken.

Cheryl continued to gather with a monthly prayer group. Cheryl is not gone, but born into life eternal.

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**Gerald Chojnacki** - December 01, 2022 at 09:20 PM

GC

I forgot your name, Bob, while writing. I apologize. You have been on my mind and in my prayers

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**Gerald Chojnacki** - December 01, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Smith.*



December 01, 2022 at 06:29 PM



“ *Love: AJ, Brittany, Payton, Ava, & Beau purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Cheryl Lynn Smith.*



**Love: AJ, Brittany, Payton, Ava, & Beau** - December 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Everlasting Love, David and Cheryl purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Cheryl Lynn Smith.*



**Everlasting Love, David and Cheryl** - November 29, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Smith.*



November 28, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JK

“ Cheryl Smith was one of the most caring people I have ever known- she made the world a better place, everyday- John Kamar

john kamar - November 28, 2022 at 12:31 PM

IN

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Smith family. Cheryl was such a kind person and will be missed by many.  
Anthony & Ingrid Fryia

Ingrid - November 28, 2022 at 09:10 AM

RK

My deepest sympathies to Cheryl's family. Cheryl will be greatly missed. She was the epitome of kindness and blessing. She lived her life as a Gospel centered woman who daily lived the teachings of Jesus Christ. May she rest in peace. Fr. Ken Kauchek.

Reverend Ken Kauchek - November 29, 2022 at 05:51 AM



“ Cheryl was one of the sweetest women we've ever met and will always hold a special place in our hearts. May God grant her everlasting peace.

- Sam, Lourd, & kids

Lourd Sam Younis - November 27, 2022 at 12:04 PM

NA

“ Dear Bob and family. ,  
Bob and I are so very sorry . Our heartfelt sympathy to you .

Love. Nancy and Bob Zee.

nanseas301@gmail.com - November 27, 2022 at 09:18 AM

MS

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**Mary Smith** - November 26, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cheryl Lynn Smith.*



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November 26, 2022 at 06:44 PM