

Terri Lynn Smith

July 19, 1942 - April 14, 2024

Terri Lynn Smith of Lansing passed away April 14, 2024. Terri was born July 19, 1942, in Lansing, Michigan to the late Donald H. and Dorothy A. (Fairbanks) Sessions. She graduated from Perry High School in the Class of 1960. Terri worked alongside her husband for many years with several businesses they owned and operated. She later worked in the Registrar's Office and as an Exam Proctor at Cooley Law School, until her retirement. Terri was a proud accomplished seamstress of nearly 40 years, well known for her skill in altering wedding gowns. With nimble fingers and a keen eye for detail, she transformed countless dresses for generations of brides. Her craftsmanship brought joy to brides and families alike, and her passion for her work was evident in every stitch. Whether she was at her sewing machine, bringing dreams to life with delicate lace and intricate beading, or sharing laughter and stories with loved ones, Terri approached life with a quick wit and keen sense of humor.

She was also an avid Spartan fan. She and Dave watched hundreds of MSU basketball and football games over the years.

Terri was a devoted wife and mother and cherished her role as grandma and great-grandma. She was one of a kind and will be missed by her loving family, friends, and the many lives that she touched.

She is survived by her husband of over 62 years, David Smith; daughters, Lori (James) Hooker and Kim (Kirk) Hennig; grandchildren, Alyssa (Sam) Winnig, Heather (James) Lynn, Danielle (Chris) Glass, Elizabeth (Matt) Harter, and

Patrick Hooker; great-grandchildren, Madilyn, Ashton, Skylar, Cora, William, Chase, and Elliott; siblings, Roze Gunderman, Marti Parks, Shirley Heikkinen, Deanna Abreu, Dale Sessions, Roland "Chip" Dansby, and Loren Black. Terri was preceded in death by her toddler daughter, Lisa Gail Smith, great-granddaughter, Ava Susan Winnig, and siblings, Pam Gordon, Sharon Olson, and Don Sessions.

Please join us as we gather to honor and celebrate Terri's life on Sunday, May 19th at the Greater Lansing Youth For Christ building, 5222 Dumond Court, Lansing MI 48917. There will be a brief memorial service, followed by refreshments and time to share stories, memories and smiles as we remember Terri. Please feel free to stop in anytime between 2 and 4pm. Casual attire. RSVP's, via text, are appreciated at 517-930-7128. Memorial contributions in Terri's name may be given to The Izzo Family Legacy Fund, which benefits many local charities (<https://www.izzolegacy.com/>). Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. Share your memories or condolences online at www.holihanatkin.com

Tribute Wall

TA

“ I worked for Dave and Terri at Direct Access Computers for 3 years, but they both were at my wedding and my brothers. They have always been more than just people I worked for. Terri will be missed for sure. -Trey

Trey Aughenbaugh - May 25, 2024 at 02:28 PM

AT

“ All of us at Precision Parts & Tooling purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Terri Lynn Smith.



All of us at Precision Parts & Tooling - May 15, 2024 at 11:17 AM

AT

“ All of us at Precision Parts & Tooling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terri Lynn Smith.

All of us at Precision Parts & Tooling - May 15, 2024 at 11:17 AM

PA

“ I worked with Terri years ago at Cooley and memories of her have stayed with me even all these years later.

Paula - May 15, 2024 at 09:14 AM

AL

“ Terri was a great friend to me. I will miss our visits and lunches together. We would sit, chat and be silly and laugh. Until we meet again.

Alma

alma Lipp - May 15, 2024 at 07:41 AM

SH

“ As my older sister we had our ups and downs as sisters will, but there was never a day in my life that I didn't love you, Sis.



Shirley - May 15, 2024 at 01:02 AM

LI

“ Our deepest condolences to Terri's family, it is a great honor to be listed in her Memorial for donations to the Izzo Legacy in her memory.
Lupe Izzo



Lupe Izzo - May 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM



Thank you so much, Lupe! My mom was a huge Spartan fan and a huge Izzo fan—it was an easy decision to choose the Izzo Legacy. Thank YOU for all you do for the community!

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 10:35 PM

JJ

“ Sending my love and hugs to the family. Terri was a bright star for all those who knew her. We met when I brought pants into the cleaners and she discovered my lack of sewing prowess. Yep, I hemmed my pants with a stapler and Terri laughed and said she would help me out. We were buddies through many years and she always was a willing listener. Life and challenges for both of us showed our paths going different directions. She was always on my mind and in my heart.

Jonelle A Johnston - April 20, 2024 at 12:26 PM



Thank you, Jonelle; your friendship meant a lot to my mom ans well. I remember your stapler hem 😂. I did not inherit her sewing prowess and have to admit that I've used masking tape for a hem. She laughed and helped me,too!

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 10:52 PM

PM

“ I have such great memories of Dave and Terri . If you met Terri you were her friend at that moment .

phil mead - April 20, 2024 at 11:14 AM



Hi Phil! Yes, my mom has a way of making you feel like you'd known her for years, didn't she? ❤️

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 10:56 PM

AG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dave and the whole family. I was one of those brides, over 30 years ago, who was referred to Terri and never went to anyone else for any seamstress work. I loved her quick wit and endless conversation. I felt like I knew her family well and how proud she was of each member. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

Angie Garfield - April 20, 2024 at 11:14 AM



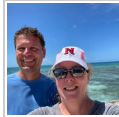
Thank you, Angie, for your kind words about my mom. So nice to hear how she touched your life!

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 10:58 PM

LW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I got to know Terri when working at Cooley Law School. She was a very sweet lady.

Linda Willis - April 20, 2024 at 10:16 AM



Thank you, Linda!

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 11:20 PM

DS

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Hennig family. I am praying for you during this difficult time. Lord cover this family. Terri Lynn Smith take your rest. You have fought the good fight. Rest peacefully in his arms.

Dorothy Scruggs - April 19, 2024 at 07:11 PM



Thank you, Dorothy. We appreciate your prayers! ❤️

Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 11:01 PM

RG

“ Terri and I shared a close friendship over the past forty years. As sisters we share many traits like two peas in a pod. The memories are all wonderful treasures. Sigh seeing in Arizona and taking the time to meet me for lunch or dinner as I passed thru the Lansing area. Terri and Dave always made time for me when I was near. So much laughter and Love. Terri you live on in my heart and soul forever...Roze

Rozella Gunderman - April 18, 2024 at 10:39 PM



Roze, my mom absolutely cherished you as a sister and a friend! Your calls and visits were a highlight of her days and she spoke of you often.



Kim Smith Hennig - May 14, 2024 at 11:14 PM

RP

Our heartfelt condolences to the family. We got to know Terri & Dave as wonderful neighbors and would chat from time to time. Terry's friendliness and quick wit will always be remembered by us. As Terri had her health challenges we visited more often to catch up on neighborhood goings on, to learn some family history or latest family news, and just to laugh and get a dose of her wit. We will certainly miss Terri and will look after Dave.

Fondly,
Ron & Pam Ishimoto

Ron & Pam - May 18, 2024 at 08:37 PM