



## Diane Smith

January 15, 2011

Diane L. Smith, 49 of Norway, died Sat. Jan. 15, 2011 in Marquette. She was born on Jan. 11, 1962 in Iron Mountain. Diane graduated from Niagara High School in 1980.

She married Ronald Smith on Dec. 28, 1980 at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford. The couple lived in many different places while Ron served in the U.S. Air Force. They moved to Norway in 1994 after his retirement.

Diane loved being with her grandchildren. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church and its choir. She had a strong faith and was active in the Women's Bible Study at the Community Bible Chapel. She enjoyed reading and spent countless hours reading to children at Norway School. She was involved with the Norway Music Boosters and many other school activities. She also enjoyed music and singing Karaoke, watching movies, and playing cards.

She is survived by her husband Ronald, three children Amanda (Randy) Simmons of Gwinn, Sarah (Daniel) Sena of Beulah, MI, and David Smith of Petosky, one sister Lori (Jim) West of Vulcan, her father Jim (Gloria) Swentner of Neenah, five grandchildren Aaliyah, Haylee, and Brayden Simmons, and Melody and Evelyn Sena. She is also survived by her step father Duane (Marilyn) Fayas of Iron Mountain, a niece Shelby West, a nephew, James

West, an uncle Tony (Barbara) Hohol of Georgia and his family, three special cousins Jill (Steve) Getling, Chris Bengel and Curt Bengel all of Neenah, and many other relatives and friends.

Diane was preceded in death by her daughter Nicole Smith, her mother Annette Fayas, and her granddaughter Ava Simmons.

Visitation will be Sat. from 10am-12 noon at Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway. Funeral services will be Sat. at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Jim Danielson will officiate. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Diane L. Smith online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
120 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

## Funeral Service

JAN **22**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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120 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Diane,  
You can finally see Mom and Grandma & Grandpa again and you can run and play with Nicole...No more hurt, no more worries.... You are finally HOME...I know it is hard for your family to loose you in such a tragic way, but please look over your sister Lori and keep her safe! You all have such an amazing faith with our Lord and Savior and it has shown through in your smile and love for your family... You will be missed...but at Peace!

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**Pam - Norway, MI - sister Lori's best friend** - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Mom,  
  
*I miss you so much it hurts. I miss everything about you right down to the amazing way you always smelt. We became more than just mother and daughter the last 5 years and I'm grateful for that. You have been a great grandmother and it kills me that my kids don't have you anymore. On another note, I'm happy you get to see your granddaughter Ava in heaven. Please let her know how much we love her. I promise mom that I will look after everyone and make sure they are taken care of. I will let the kids know how much you love them and tell them stories about you. Thank you for giving me life and thank you for always loving me.*

- Amanda

*p.s. The kids got your fruit snacks, and they loved them.*

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**Amanda - Gwinn, MI - Daughter** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Memories of special times, little things, happy times - these things we will keep close to our hearts in memory of Diane and Nichole. Take care, friend.

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**Jim and Cathy Smith - Tucson, AZ - friend** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sorry to Hear About Your Loss Thoughts and Prayers Are With You All. God Bless You All.

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**Patti Maki - Friend of My Daughter kelly Maki** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Diane's friendly smile Sunday mornings reminded me to smile more! Her presence will be missed. May God be of comfort to all those who loved her.

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**Kristel Schultz - Norway, MI** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We shall revere Diane's life story. Her passage through this life on earth was truly a testimony of her love of family, friends, and our Lord. Diane's gifts and talents, given freely, shall be missed. In Christ's love, Uncle Tony and family.

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**Anthony Hohol Family of Georgia - Uncle and family** - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ GOD'S Master Plan has all believers joining HIM in the Kingdom of Heaven. Diane and Nicole are now with our HEAVENLY FATHER as he promised. Although we will deeply miss their presence here on earth, we must rejoice in the fact Diane & Nicole are in heaven with our LORD!

GOD BLESS Ron, Amanda, Sarah, David and the entire family. You are SPECIAL and we love you.

Andy & Chris

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Andy & Chris Hongisto - Norway, MI - friends - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I did not know Diane or Nicole but my thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends. May God and your faith get you through this hard time and keep the memories close to your heart.

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Debby - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I remember when Diane took her "walk". The light of Christ shown so brightly from her face. That is the memory of Diane I will hold in my heart. May Love and Peace hold the Smith Family ever so tightly.

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Cheri - Sister-in-Christ - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY REMBER ALL THE GOOD TIMES WITH YOUR MOM TREASURE THEM GOD BLESS ALL YOUR FAMILY

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Iori - IRON MOUNTAIN , MI - FRIEND OF RON - NICOLE - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Diane always had a smile for me. I loved it... she was always so kind and positive. And she was a wonderful mama, too... I will miss her*

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**Jocelyne Sade - Vulcan, MI - Sister in the Lord** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM