



Karen Kathleen Smith

March 17, 1942 - October 24, 2023

Karen Kathleen Smith, 81, of Kingsford passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Evergreen Meadows Memory Care in Norway, MI.

She was born on March 17, 1942, in Kingsford, MI, daughter of the late Erland and Mary “Cleo” (Kernan) Johnson. Karen was a graduate of Kingsford High School, class of 1960. She worked in the offices of W.B. Thompson and Kingsford Broach & Tool before her retirement in 1996. In 1963, Karen married Urban Jack Smith at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this past June. Karen had a strong faith and was a long-time member of American Martyrs Parish. She was an accomplished seamstress and there was no task too large. Her hobbies included baking, crafts, crocheting, shopping, getting coffee with friends and traveling. Karen was devoted to her family, ALWAYS lending a helping hand and support. She loved attending her grandchildren’s events and hosting family for holidays, particularly Christmas.

Karen will be deeply missed by her husband, Jack; children, Joanne (Walt) Howard and Michael (Maria) Smith; granddaughters, Jenna and Carlie Howard and Camila, Nicole, and Natasha Smith; sister, Carole (Wayne) Boerger; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John (Mary) Brooks, Darlene Chartier and Cindy (Steve) Carey; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Karen is preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Brooks and brothers-in-law, James Haddad and Donald Chartier.

Visitation will be at the Kingsford Funeral Home, 1000 S. Carpenter Ave., from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at American Martyrs Catholic Church with Msgr. Joseph Gouin officiating. Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Karen's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Evergreen Meadows for their excellent care and compassion.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Karen Kathleen Smith online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Niagara Cemetery

Washington St.
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Melissa and Kevin Johnson

Melissa and Kevin Johnson - October 31, 2023 at 12:02 PM

RT

“ Sorry for your loss! I worked with Karen at Kingsford Broach & Tool. She was a fine lady and always pleasant to talk to. Take care!
Randy Tarsi

Randy Tarsi - October 27, 2023 at 03:09 PM

BC

“ Dear Jack and Family, please accept our sincerest condolences at the loss of your dear wife, mother and grandmother. Our family, especially our parents, so enjoyed the many times you and Karen spent with them over the years. Karen was such a lovely person , a good and caring friend and devoted wife and mother. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏🙏🙏. Sincerely Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco

Bob and Kitti Colassacco - October 26, 2023 at 05:50 PM