



## Nicole Smith

June 12, 1984 - January 15, 2011

Nicole L. Smith, 26, of Norway, died Sat. Jan. 15, 2011 in Marquette. She was born on Jun 12, 1984 in San Antonio, TX, the daughter of Ronald and the late Diane (Swentner) Smith.

Nicole graduated from the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District in 2009. She had a strong faith and carried her Bible with her wherever she went. Nicole won many trophies for bowling and swimming in Special Olympics. She enjoyed spending her Friday nights at the races in Norway and her summers at Bay Cliff Health Camp. She was a member of Evangelical Covenant Church and enjoyed holding her Grandpa Arden's hand will attending services. Through the Starlight program, Nicole was able to meet her favorite ice skater Scott Hamilton. In addition to watching ice skating on tv, she also liked to watching cooking shows, and classic shows like the Brady Bunch and the Waltons. Some of her favorite movies were Rocky, Dirty Dancing, and Coal Miner's Daughter . She shot her first deer with the help of the Buckmasters organization. Nicole also enjoyed babies, Harley Davidson motorcycles, and babies.

She is survived by her father Ronald Smith, two sisters Amanda (Randy) Simmons of Gwinn and Sarah (Daniel) Sena of Beulah, MI, one brother David Smith of Petosky, grandparents Arden and Rosalie Smith of Iron Mountain, Jim (Gloria) Swentner of Neenah, and Duane (Marilyn) Fayas of Iron

Mountain five nieces and nephews Aaliyah, Haylee, and Brayden Simmons, and Melody and Evelyn Sena, many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Nicole was preceded in death by her grandmother Annette Fayas, and her niece 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 to the family of Nicole L. Smith can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home 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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# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Ron,  
*I was so sorry to hear about Nicole and Diane, I still remember the day that my daughter Ana and Nicole recieved their Young Heroes Award at Wright State. Nicole was so excited. What a beautiful young lady she became. May your memories comfort you. With love and fond memories, Patty DelSorbo*

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**Patty DelSorbo - Dayton , OH - Friend** - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *I saw Nicole often in the halls of Norway High School, and really enjoyed talking with her. She was always upbeat and her winning smile could "light up" anyone's day. Unfortunately, I did not get to know Diane, your wife and mother, but I can truly feel your pain. I lost my son-in-law in 2005 (age 30) due to an industrial accident, and I felt like I was living a nightmare, and couldn't wake up. This tragedy turned our lives "upside down".*

*The best advice I can share with you is to gather your strength from your faith, family, and friends. As time passes on, it will also help to lessen your pain and healing will begin.*

*I am sending you my deepest condolences and may God bless you with extra strength during these sad times, Frau Eveline Grimes*

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**Frau Eveline Grimes - Norway, MI - Teacher at Norway High School** - February 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Nicole you are one of God's most precious children and the love you brought to everyone with your beautiful smile just lit up a room every time you entered it...Now you are able to run and play with you mom and grand parents and even your little niece...Watch over your sisters, brother and especially your Dad and Auntie Lori...Keep them safe until you meet again dear child... You are truly missed by all who knew you.

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

AS

“ Dear Nicole,

*I love you so much and miss you just as much. I knew this day would come but that doesn't make it easier. You where a wonderful sister. I will always remember you and treasure our sleep over we had in December. We laid there telling stories and laughing. You where by far the joyous thing in our family. Your nieces miss and love you as well, they talk about you often. Randy really misses you and is torn to pieces not having you here. Your a beautiful women and you have blessed us with your smile. Your an inspiration to me for many many things. I know now that you are running in heaven and it brings tears in my eyes to imagine you running through a field with Ava. I love you so much Nicole and your story will be told and your memory will live on. I will see you again my love.*

*-Your baby sister, Amanda*

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

SF

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this hard time. Nicole you are wonderful woman with a great spirit. You always knew how to put smile on my face and make me laugh. You were always positive and uplifting in every situation and will always be loved! Rest in peace lovely angel.

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**Samantha Stieg - algoma, WI - friend** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Smith Family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your tragic loss.  
My daughter Hailey shared a bus ride every morning and afternoon with Nicole during the summer program! I always enjoyed my conversations with Nicole. I always found her to be such an inspiration.  
God bless you has your miss your loved ones. I pray the Lord heals your broken hearts.  
Samantha and Hailey Coron

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**Samantha Coron** - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to Nicole's family. I had the pleasure of working in her classroom for the last 3 years. Nicole has a love that cannot be expressed in words but can be experienced from the moment you enter into her presence. She is one of Jesus's perfect creations. I will always remember your smile and your tears when you were worried about your family. My heart smiles in the thoughts of the joy you are experiencing in the company of Jesus and his children.

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**Randall Mattson - Felch , MI - Friend and worker** - January 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Arden and Rosalie,  
We are so sorry to hear about Nicole and Diane. You are in our  
thought and prayers.  
Dan and Melissa Wentarmini

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**Dan and Melissa Wentarmini - Iron Mountain, MI** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who loved you. Your smile  
warmed my heart many times. Rest in the arms of Jesus.

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

LS

“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Nicole working as a sub in the  
classroom and my son Alan was a classmate of hers. One day Alan  
came home from school and told me  
“That Nicole is really something, she always tries, no matter what it  
is, she does it. I really respect her for that.” I had to agree with him, I  
always respected and admired her never give up attitude. May that  
“never give up attitude” live on in all of us.

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**Linda, Dana, Alan LaPlante - Norway, MI - DIISD classroom sub** - January 21,  
2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ So Sorry to hear about your loss Thoughts and Prayers Are With  
you All. god Bless you All.

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**Patti Maki - Baraga, MI - Friend of My daughter Kelly** - January 21, 2011 at 12:00  
AM

WN

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Whitney Bales and Family - Norway - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We cherish our memories of Nicole's warm smiles and laughter during family gatherings. She always gave her best to others with lots of love and much kindness. She will continue to be our inspiration to loving and serving our Lord. We will miss her greatly. Sincerely, Uncle Tony and family

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

TF

“ My deepest and greatest sympathies are with Nicole's family during this hard time. I always loved nicole, she always knew how to make people laugh and always had a smile on her face. Your in my prayers and I will never forget you.

Tiffany Lafond - Norway, MI - Friend - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ Nicole was so much fun to work with. I will always remember her fighting attitude- always ready to take on any challenge with strength and positive outlook. Now she rests with Jesus and her mother. I hope I can have a winning attitude like Nicole.

Vicki Schuelke - Homestead , WI - Classroom Assistant DIISD - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Nicole was a very special cousin to me. She was the bravest person I know. I will miss her everyday! I love you Nicole!

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**Brenda Aten - Florence, WI - Cousin** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Nicole,  
We want you to know how much you were loved. A visit with you was a breath of fresh air; an experience that would always put a smile on our faces; a rose opening to the morning sun; a gentle rain on a summer evening. Your smile and sense of humor were unbelievable! Yes, you were loved & a special child from GOD. We'll miss you greatly, but look forward to the time we will meet again.  
Love,  
Andy & Chris

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

JN

“ We are truly sorry for the loss of Nicole and her Mother. Nicole was such a sweet girl, as our family had known Nicole for a long time. We will miss her big smile and her laugh. She sure loved her family so very much as she would always be talking about her Mom or Dad or siblings. She was also loved very much by her classmates and teachers. As for her FAMILY- Let GOD wrap his arms around you all and give you strength and LOVE. Know that Nicole and your Mother/Wife is looking down on you all and remember all the GREAT memories you shared with them!!! God Bless and you are all in our prayers.

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**John, Pam, Summer and Sam Pietrantonio - Friend of Nicole's** - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Nicole was such a sweetheart... overflowing with love for her mom and dad... I remember her testimony once in church on a mother's day. Just about made me cry. Such a sweet girl...”

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

LF

“ WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS OF WIFE -DAUGHTER AND SISTER I MEET NICOLE YEARS AGO AT NORWAY SPEEDWAY I ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING HER AND HER DAD.SHE WAS SUCH A WONDERFULL PERSON ALWAYS WANTED TO TALK TO ME I HOPE GOD WILL HELP YOUR FAMILY TO HAVE PEACE AND THE LOVE OF GOD PLEASE KNOW WE ARE KEEPING YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS I WILL MISS HER ALOT LORI-GREG MAAS

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**LORI GREG MAAS - IRON MOUNTAIN, MI - FRIEND** - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM