



## Evelyn Marie Smith

July 22, 1929 - May 31, 2026

Smith, Evelyn Marie – May 31, 2026, age 96 of Garden City.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph J. Smith.

Loving mother of Karl (Kim) Smith, Laura (Randy Walter) Smith, Maryalice (Mike) Schmidt, and David (Kathy) Smith.

Proud grandmother of Kristine (Michael) Fidanza, Kyle Smith, Jarrett Schmidt, and Lindsey (Donny) Griffith and great-grandmother of Brooklyn Schmidt, Evelyn Griffith, Lorelai Griffith, Greyson Zwar, Leo Anthony Fidanza, and Declan Griffith.

Beloved daughter of the late August and the late Anna Haase.

Dear sister of Thomas (Kathy) Haase and the late Donald (the late Delores) Haase.

Also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and extended family members.

A cradle Catholic, Evelyn had a great devotion to Mary and had an abiding love for her son Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

As a young girl growing up in Detroit, she danced, played piano, and figure skated. She enjoyed roller-skating with her father and learned the game of baseball from him. She became an avid Detroit Tigers fan, and Mother's Day was often celebrated at Comerica Park if the Tigers were in town.

She enjoyed listening to music from the 40's and 50's but was also an Elvis fan. She had hundreds of old movies that she loved to watch, particularly John Wayne movies.

Evelyn loved playing bingo and visiting casinos all over Michigan. She made annual trips to Cross In The Woods, the Mackinac Bridge, and Frankenmuth. She was famous for her “Jewish Coffee Cake” which she brought to birthdays and holidays.

Evelyn got the most pleasure from family outings and trips. She took us to Cedar Point every year as kids. As adults, we traveled together out West, and to Disney World, and to Porcupine Mountains in caravans of 4-5 vehicles. When Dad was alive, they loved to visit zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, and many other attractions. We dubbed them the “King and Queen” of the one-tank trip.

A grandniece described her as a “super cool spunky lady” and she will be greatly missed by her family, neighbors, friends, and Bingo players.

Visitation Friday, June 5th 1-8 PM with Scripture Service at 7 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland.

In state on Saturday June 6th from 9:30 AM until 10 AM Funeral Mass at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road in Livonia.

Interment Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

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# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 5.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenh.com

*Scripture Service 7:00 PM*

## Funeral Mass

**JUN 6.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

St. Aidan Catholic Church  
17500 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI 48152

*In State 9:30 AM*

# Tribute Wall

PJ

“ Pat Murphy & Jhane purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



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Pat Murphy & Jhane - June 05 at 10:51 AM

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“ Pat Murphy & Jhane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Marie Smith.

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Pat Murphy & Jhane - June 05 at 10:51 AM

DW

“ I am Evelyn's niece, eldest daughter of her brother, Donald Haase. I remember Aunt Evelyn taking me to the Detroit Public Library along with her children. Books became a very important part of my life and I attribute that in part to her taking me to the public library. I also remember seeing her wedding picture. She was stunningly beautiful and I picture she is now that beautiful again.

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Deb Waites - June 04 at 11:19 PM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



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June 04 at 04:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Marie Smith.

June 04 at 04:21 PM



“ Kelly & Paul purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



Kelly & Paul - June 04 at 02:53 PM



“ Kelly & Paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Marie Smith.

Kelly & Paul - June 04 at 02:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



June 03 at 04:46 PM

SG

“ Sharon Guilstorf sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Marie Smith



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**sharon guilstorf** - June 03 at 03:24 PM

SG

“ Sharon Guilstorf lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Marie Smith



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**sharon guilstorf** - June 03 at 03:23 PM

SG

“ I miss you so much, hope you enjoy Loves tapestry and a tree to sit under when it gets hot, love from my family. I know Uncle Joe is with you listening to big band music, Love Sharon

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**sharon guilstorf** - June 03 at 03:21 PM

ME

“ Mom I will truly miss you every second of every day. Bingo was are thing and we enjoyed it love you Maryalice

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**Mercyschmidt59@gmail.com** - June 03 at 12:49 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



June 03 at 12:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Evelyn Marie Smith.

June 03 at 12:45 PM



“ Karen Stuard NCSL President purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



**Karen Stuard NCSL President** - June 03 at 11:32 AM



“ Stan and Angela Radecki purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn Marie Smith.



**Stan and Angela Radecki** - June 03 at 11:09 AM

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“ *Christiane T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Evelyn Marie Smith.*

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**Christiane T.** - June 02 at 08:47 PM