



Gracie Carolyn Smithson

January 1, 1940 - December 19, 2019

Gracie Carolyn Smithson, 79, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away Thursday, December 19, 2019, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility.

Carolyn, as she was known by friends and family, was born in Fort Mill, South Carolina to Henry and Alice (Taylor) Carrouth on January 1, 1940. She married the late Lyle D. Smithson, Sr. on June 16, 1956, in Denver, Colorado. They moved to Alpha, MI, where they worked and raised their two children. Carolyn worked at the Crystal Café in Crystal Falls for 20 years and operated a daycare for over 25 years where she truly loved the children she cared for. Carolyn was a member of Christ United Methodist Church where she had taught Sunday School and was also a member of the VFW Tufts-Rondon Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends but especially loved the time with her grandchildren.

Carolyn is survived by one son Lyle (Debbie) Smithson of Crystal Falls and one daughter Cindy (Lou) Hagler of Bossier City, Louisiana. Seven grandchildren; Marcus (Lauren) Smithson, Michael (Caity Tefft) Smithson, Brett Smithson, Bryce Smithson, Christopher (Jessica) Masterson, Douglas (Amanda) Pacheco, and Jina (Leo) Wright; and three great-grandchildren, Kaylin and Christian Masterson and Elisabeth Tonack; along with many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Pamela, and one sister, Patricia Carrouth.

Visitation will take place Friday, December 27, 2019, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. with services to follow at 11:00 at Christ United Methodist Church with Pastor Vicky Prewitt officiating.

Condolences to the family of Gracie Carolyn Smithson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Memorial Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lyle & Family,
So sorry for your loss. Pat told us the sad news. Carolyn was so kind hearted, she always stepped up for us when we needed a babysitter. I know she'll be missed by many.*

Dave & Carol Sherby

David Sherby - December 30, 2019 at 01:08 PM

MH

“ *Condolences to Lyle, Debbi, Cindy, and families. Carolyn was such nice and caring lady. She will be missed. There are many stories dealing with her kindness and nurturing, but my favorite was when she would often make peanut butter chocolate chip cookies because Lucky, the collie, love them. He definitely had the right name because Lucky was really lucky to have such a loving home... Sorry for your loss. We will all miss Carolyn.*

Dale and Wee Hawks

Marion Hawks - December 22, 2019 at 06:50 PM

GK

My sincere sympathies to you and your family. I have wonderful memories of your loving, caring mother.

Gwen Kohls - December 31, 2019 at 05:59 PM

JR

“ I have known Carolyn and Lyle ever since they moved to Alpha in the middle 50's. Scoopy and I worked for Bacco Construction on the US-2 project in the summer of 58!! I have enjoyed watching their son and his son's participate in Forest Park athletics over the years!! The last time this fall with the youngest grandson in 8-player football!!! My prayers to the family on your loss!!
P.S. Rita Smithson Pozza was my 1956 classmate at Alpha High School

Jim Rossi - December 22, 2019 at 10:41 AM

CL

“ God's peace and grace to the Smithson family. Caroline was a pleasure to know and had a beautiful smile. Our best to all... Norm and Cindy Lichtenberger

Cindy Lichtenberger - December 21, 2019 at 12:08 PM

NP

“ Gracie was the most amazing lady I have ever met!! I loved her dearly and will miss her so much! She genuinely touched my heart. Fly with the angels Gracie! I will see you again one day.
Love, Nikki

Nikki Pigeon - December 20, 2019 at 09:38 PM

TK

What a beautiful lady. I knew her at the restaurant well over 60 years ago, I was so young and thought she was the most beautiful woman in the world. As I have known her lately she was a wonderful woman not only on the outside but inside also. I will miss her.

Ted Kurtz - December 26, 2019 at 07:48 AM

MB

Lyle and Cindy, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Marty Ball - December 28, 2019 at 03:53 PM

CH

Lyle and family,

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I had found memories of working for the Bickel's at "The Other Place" with her. We had some laughs cooking together. May the memories of her warm your heart and comfort you when you are missing her.

*Sincerely,
Cindy Albiero Hillier*

cindy albiero hillier - January 23, 2020 at 10:48 AM