



Nella Fay Smith

February 1, 1947 - May 14, 2018

Nella Fay Smith, 71, of Burlington, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, May 14, 2018.

A celebration of Nella's life will take place at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha. Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until the time of the funeral at 3:00PM also at the funeral home.

Nella was born February 1, 1947 to Eli and Sally (Sparks) Smith in Brainard, KY. She lived most of her life in the Burlington and Tekonsha area, and worked many years at Lytec in Marshall. Nella enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, NASCAR, gardening, collecting eagles, flowers, bird watching, scrapbooking, but most of all spending time with her daughter and grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Christina Smith of Tekonsha; grandchildren, Keegan Smith of Homer, Victoria Rivera, Jordon Rivera, and Madison Gallegos-Smith all of Tekonsha; siblings, Kathleen (Billy) Wills of Marshall, Ray (Dorothy) Smith of Tekonsha, Sandra (Ken) Maisner of Tekonsha, Billy (Kathy) Smith of Ceresco, Tim (Jackie) Smith of Tekonsha, Sally (Don) Dingee of Marshall and Patty (Tom O'Dell) Smith of Tekonsha; special niece, Tammy Majors of Tekonsha; friend, Opal Newsome of Marshall, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Jane Grigsby; a brother, Eli Junior Smith, and a nephew, Fred Melville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Please visit www.lighthousefuneral.com to share memories, photos and videos with the family.

Cemetery

Events

Riverside Cemetery-Tekonsha

V Drive South Just East of Old 27

Tekonsha, MI, 49092

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Visitation

02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Celebration of Life

03:00PM

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Comments



“ I know Fay didn't like me for like 20 years but I think she got use to me. I am going to miss her and everything she did. R.I.P.



Tom - May 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ Don lit a candle in memory of Nella Fay Smith



Don - May 18, 2018 at 08:10 AM



“ This is one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I never got the chance to tell you how much I appreciate and love you for everything you've ever done for me from birth to almost 18 years old... I really wish I would have. I'm going to miss even the little things you would do for me such as leave me little notes in cards, calling me when I'm states away or even the next state over to make sure I'm safe and having fun. I'm going to miss hearing your voice. I had no idea that the last time I actually saw you and hugged you and told you that I loved you was going to be the last time... One of my biggest regrets is not spending as much time with you as I should have. I'm really going to miss you. Now you're going to be watching over us and we know you're going to be there with us even if it's not in a physical form. <3

Victoria Rivera - May 18, 2018 at 12:56 AM



“ Mom, I am going to be lost without you, you were my everything, my hero, the best mom and grandma anybody could ever ask for. You were there to bring all 4 of your grandkids into this world and since the first minutes of their lives you have been the best grandma to them. Your love for us was like no other i wish i was half the woman you were. Saying goodbye to you is going to be the hardest thing i've ever had to do i dont know how i am going to live without you i just keep trying to convince myself you are in a better place, you are no longer struggling to breathe you are with your mom, sister, and brother now your love will still go on. I know you will look over me and the kids. I Love you mom you will forever be in my heart until we meet again.



Tina smith - May 17, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ Aunt Fay. I had to be one of the luckiest kids ever to have the Mama I had then you as like a second Mom. I had so much love from you and even to this day I never felt more love than from anyone like I did you. Our morning calls and then our 6pm calls every day. You don't know how many times in the last few days I've started to pick up the phone and call you. I don't know what I am gonna do without you to yell at me and tell me what to do because I know you loved to do that to all of us. It's what kept you going keeping us all in line. I have never known anyone in my life who is a strong as you were. You stayed with us so long and fought so hard because you knew we needed you. I asked you not to leave but I guess you just decided to be with Mom for her birthday and went to see her though. I was always in awe for someone so little how big of a presence you were and how amazingly tough you always were. I hope you know how much we love you and how much we are going to miss you. There are way too many memories to write just one. So I will treasure them in my heart forever. I love you always.

Tammy Grigsby-Majors - May 17, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ Ruth Smith lit a candle in memory of Nella Fay Smith



ruth smith - May 17, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ Fay always liked going to the horse shows and watch Todd and Scott with the horses. I know some of the time it made her very nervous cause she couldn't even watch them. She would always have one of the boys climb up the windmill to change the bulbs. She loved being with her family, but most of all she loved all her grandchildren very much. She was always taking pictures of them.
Now her pain is gone, may she enjoy being with the loved ones . now they are together again

ruth - May 17, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ Tammy Grigsby-Majors lit a candle in memory of Nella Fay Smith



Tammy Grigsby-Majors - May 17, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Jeanie, Teri, Martin and families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Nella Fay Smith.



Jeanie, Teri, Martin and families - May 17, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ My sister Fay passed away on may 14th which broke my heart but I'm so glad I got to see her on mother's day at least even if she was complaining I was only in and out. I know that at least she will no longer hurt only the one's she left behind. I love you sissy and miss you a lot



Sally Dingee - May 17, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Rest in peace Fay. Condolences to her family and friends.

Toni Smith - May 17, 2018 at 03:37 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation - May 17, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation - May 17, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ My sister I have always thought you were one of the most amazing women I've ever known. You were strong and you fought hard to stay with us as long as you did. I thank God for allowing us to keep you for the time we had. You can rest now pain free. Love you forever. Your baby sister Pat.



Patty smith - May 16, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Freedom Motors Employees purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Nella Fay Smith.



Freedom Motors Employees - May 16, 2018 at 07:17 AM