



Erna Smith

May 9, 1925 - April 6, 2022

Erna Smith, age 96, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Erna was born on May 9, 1925, in Hazen, North Dakota. As a teen she moved with her family to Hopkins, MI. She married Dale and they settled in Zeeland to raise their family. Erna retired from Zeeland Public Schools, where she worked in food service. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and enjoyed being involved in Women's ministries.

After being blessed with 71 years of marriage, Erna was preceded in death by her husband, Dale in 2020, her sons, Doyle Smith, and Bradley Smith; son-in-law, John McCormack; brother, Norm Oster; sisters, Irma (Ray) Wamhoff, Del (Bud) Tarno, Vi (Bill) Seals, and many brothers and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her children, Ronda McCormack, Jymm (Judy) Smith, Brenda (Mark) Schout, Karen (Kelly) Van Koevering; grandchildren, Patti (Patrick) Klemmet, John (Lisa) McCormack, Luke Hackney, Andrew (Katie) Schout, Erin (Dave) Birkenmeier, Kaleigh Schout, Kyle (Tiffinie) VanKoevering, Alex VanKoevering, Maxton (Karly) VanKoevering; 8 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; sister, Gladys Schulz; sister-in-law, Betty Nolting; and sister-in-law, Ardith (Lee) Long.

Funeral services are at 10:00 am on Tuesday, April 12 at Zion Lutheran

Church, 77 West 32nd St. Holland, MI 49423 with Rev. Ryan Winningham officiating. The service will be followed by a time of visitation with the family.

Burial to take place in Zeeland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Erna's honor may be given to Zion Lutheran Church.

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Cemetery Details

Zeeland Cemetery (Original Cemetery)

220 East Lincoln Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **12**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
77 West 32nd Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Erna Smith*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *I loved visiting with Erna when she lived at Royal Park Place and Royal Atrium Inn. We had many tearful conversations and prayer times together regarding the painful losses of family members and the health struggles of her children. She loved her family so deeply. I remember her describing how she and Dale said "I love you" as he left for the hospital just shortly before his passing. She was a lovely woman and I am grateful to have known her. My sympathies and prayers to her family and loved ones. Sincerely, Cindy Nyhoff, Chaplain*

Cindy Nyhoff - April 11, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *My childhood is filled with fond memories of Erna and the entire Smith family. Living next door, the Smith door was always open to the Engle crew. Erna always had a gentle and quietly strong way about her. We always knew she was there for us. One of the special moms of my upbringing. Thinking of all of you.*

Dawn Engle Fabbro - April 11, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *She was my first Secret Pal at Zion back in 1989. She was such a sweet woman. She will be missed. All my sympathy to you, Brenda, and all the rest of the family. 🙏*

Elizabeth Johnston - April 10, 2022 at 05:29 PM

ST

“ Sad to hear of Aunt Erna's passing. We send our sincere sympathy. I will always cherish my memories of Aunt Erna and all of the Smith family. God Bless.
Scott and Katrina Tarno

Scott Tarno - April 10, 2022 at 12:39 PM

BT

“ Talked to Gladys and she mentioned Erna has passed. Sad to hear and everyone out here in Jamestown would like to send our sincere sympathy and loving memories of Aunt Erna. Please take care. Bill and Kathy Tarno, Tarno family, Aunt Gladys and family!

Bill Tarno - April 09, 2022 at 03:39 PM

CK

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Smith family. I have so many fond memories of Mrs Smith, such a kind, sweet, hard working women who adored her family. Rest in peace Mrs Smith you are now in loving hands of our Father and back together with the love of your life! 🙏🙏🙏

CoCo Klamt - April 09, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JV

“ Our sympathy to your family. We will never forget the good times we had with Dale and Erna going to our girls sporting events. They were such a special couple.

Jun and Mary Vredeveld.

jun and Mary Vredevekd - April 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *My sympathy to your family. Loved talking to her and taking care of her. She was a blessing to us. She and your dad were such beautiful Christian people. God bless*❤️

Rick-Kathy Smith - April 09, 2022 at 08:56 AM

NN

“ *Nieces & Nephews purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Erna Smith.*



Nieces & Nephews - April 08, 2022 at 09:54 AM

TD

“ *I knew Mrs Smith as a result of my lifelong friendship with Jymm. I spent a lot of time at the Smiths. She was a very kind and lovely person. I remember her making a chocolate cake, with of all things..tomato soup in it. It was fantastic!
Condolences to the entire family.*

Tom Dekker - April 07, 2022 at 02:12 PM