



Rochelle Smith

March 12, 1936 - March 19, 2025

Rochelle “Shelley” Jane Smith, age 89, passed away at home peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

She was born on March 12, 1936 in Oliver Township, daughter of the late James and Martha (Rosenthal) Swalwell. She married David E. Smith on April 15, 1955.

Shelley was the happiest working on the family farm, side by side with her husband. After retirement, they spent 25 years wintering in Florida and traveling. She enjoyed spending time with her family, tending to her flowers and playing cards.

She is survived by her husband, David E. Smith of Bad Axe, one son, Todd (Linda) Smith of Bad Axe, and one daughter, Janice (Steve) Schulz of Port Hope. Three grandchildren-David (Wendy) Smith of Bad Axe, Christopher (Kalyn) Smith of Fillion and Melissa Siemen (finance’-Richard) of Dundee. Eight Great-Grandchildren-Lydia Smith, Aubrey Smith, Bethany Smith, Leah Smith and David Smith Jr. all of Bad Axe. Boyd Smith, Wade Smith and Layla Smith all of Fillion.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Robert and Rodney Swalwell.

A special thank you to A Change of Seasons Hospice for the wonderful care she received in her last days especially to Vicky, Sally and Brittany.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 11:00 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Visitation will be on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 3-7 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Tuesday at the church from 10am until time of service at 11 am.

Memorials may be offered to Our Savior Lutheran Church Bad Axe, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
123 W Irwin St
Bad Axe, MI 48413-1014
(989) 269-7642

Funeral Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rochelle Smith.



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“ Our sincerest sympathy to the Smith family. Very sorry for your loss Jan and Steve.

Linda and Michael Harbin - March 21, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Sincere condolences.



Rhonda Forster Matelski - March 21, 2025 at 08:05 AM