



## Nancy Ann Smith

April 18, 1936 - September 15, 2025

Nancy passed away suddenly and peacefully in the early morning of September 15, 2025. She was 89 years old and was still living actively and independently at her home on Grand Street in Adrian. She was born and lived her entire life in Adrian. Family was everything to her and she never failed to make that clear to anyone who would listen. She had three sons: Rick, Dale (recently deceased), and Brad who all graduated from Kalamazoo College, of which she was very proud. She had three daughters-in-law: Chantelle, Gayle, and Chan. She also had seven adoring grandchildren: Robinson, Kelsey, Ruby, McKenna, Aja, Maceo, and Ravell (with Robinson and Kelsey being recently married). Aside from her family, she loved and was loved by her community in Adrian. She touched many lives in a positive way, and she loved nothing more than helping people. She was especially fond of young people as evidenced by her time coaching high school volleyball at Adrian High, coaching softball at Siena Heights, and officiating both sports well into her later years. It seemed like she knew everyone in Adrian as it was impossible to go anywhere with her and not run into multiple people that knew her and wanted to say hello. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her. Lastly, her love for her family and friends was very nearly matched by her love for animals. She would have preferred that, in lieu of flowers for her memorial, donations be made in her name to the Lenawee Humane Society. Her memorial service will be at Wagley Funeral Home at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2025, with visitation starting at 5 p.m.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ My friend, moreso than many of our parish members because, after helping her through her divorce and subsequent single parenting, Nancy became my Realtor. She was a realist, telling me how she saw things in our business dealings and what she saw in my work and family life. We learn more from our critics than from our friends - that business principal I affirm, at least in retrospect. I beg the readers's indulgence here, because for Nancy her life was all about family. Sons Rick and Dale were the age of two of our four children all through school and church. I was in and out of their comfy little house on Grand. She indulged me in using her driveway for parking when at Trestle Park just down the block. We shared insights on raising our kids. We took pride in all of their activities, and now I have just learned of the Smith boy's professional accomplishments after I left the area and lost track of them. Nancy launched them well, and what a tribute that she and Dale shared a successful housing business. The letter above touched me: the best landlord and her friend welcomed to her home. It does not surprise me when this sports enthusiast and coach should live in her little home till parted from it by death. What an example of a life well lived. The world is a better place because you lived. Finally, my late wife Helen and our children would want me to express these sentiments of behalf of us Hokenson who still count Adrian as our hometown.

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**RevRod Hokenson** - November 03, 2025 at 10:44 PM

AH

“ This hurts my heart. Every month, when I'd go to pay rent, I'd spend an hour visiting Miss Nancy, Maggie, and her little lap dog Missy. Missy was so protective of Miss Nancy, but after about 10 minutes would warm up to me for the month and let me hold her! Miss Nancy was the best Landlord and I could talk to her about anything; she always had advise. She love to tell me about her boys and stories about the grandkids and what they were up too. She was so proud of her family and the fact that her boys turned out so good being raised by a single Momma! She was full of encouragement! I am going to miss her so much. She always thanked me for taking such good care of my little house and loving it so much. She said I was such an easy and dependable tenant and I told her well I feel the same about you as my landlord.  
Damn I am going to miss her!  
Rest easy Miss Nancy

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**Amy Jo Harlow** - October 02, 2025 at 09:15 AM

PJ

“ We lived down the street from the schills on Division St. they were on the corner of Division & Beecher. We use to play in their yard alot. They were nice times. Phyllis Johnson & Carole Pahl (Boonstra) maiden name.

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**phyllis johnson** - September 18, 2025 at 03:36 PM

ML

“ What a great Lady. I worked with Nancy formany years at Whatly Realty then we were co-owners of Smith-Lewis Realty.. Always honest and made sure everyone was teared fairly. ONE of the best !!

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**Mel Lewis** - September 18, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JS

“ Nancy where class mates in high school a great friend and will be missed.

john sharp - September 18, 2025 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ Dr. Paul Zhivago and Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy Ann Smith.



Dr. Paul Zhivago and Staff - September 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RH

“ Nancy was a great lady. Condolence to the family.  
Rob & Eloise Hosken

ROBERT P HOSKEN - September 18, 2025 at 12:21 AM

FZ

“ From Kathy and Al Zmijewski purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nancy Ann Smith.



From Kathy and Al Zmijewski - September 17, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Nancy Ann Smith.*



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September 17, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ *To the Smith Family thank for the many many years of support thru high school. I am sending all my love, thoughts and prayers...Thank you, Raymie Hobdy...*

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**Kevin Renee Carter** - September 17, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *Nancy and my mother, Florence A Carter had been friends all the years thru school at Adrian High School...My condolences from my mother and our family...*

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**Kevin Renee Carter** - September 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Mike and Debbie Miller / Pat and Olivia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy Ann Smith.*



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**Mike and Debbie Miller / Pat and Olivia** - September 17, 2025 at 10:33 AM

TP

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of your mother and grandmother. She loved you all very much. I lived up the street from her at one time for many years and we became good friends. She loved to show pictures of all of you and I loved to hear the stories she told and I knew she was a proud mother and grandmother. She will be missed so dearly.*

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**Tricia Parr** - September 16, 2025 at 12:23 PM

Jl

“ *Nancy was a longtime friend, we met in 1959...She and I spent a few days together in the same room at old Bixby Hospital due to the birth of our oldest sons. Her Rick was born close to midnight on June 30, 1959 and my oldest son Michael was born just after midnight on July 1st, 1959, we had the same doctor, kept that doctor busy that night. We laughed about that over the years. Fond memories. Prayers for family.*  
*Joyce Irwin*

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**Joyce Irwin** - September 15, 2025 at 11:28 PM

MB

“ *Rick & Brad, Sending condolences to your families. Your mom was SO loved by everyone that knew her! We are thinking of you all and wish we could be there. With Love, Glen & Melinda Butler*

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**Melinda & Glen Butler** - September 15, 2025 at 10:40 PM

LB

“ Jack and I had dinner with her on the 6th. We had all attended Stan Wilsons memorial. I was shocked to hear that she has passed! We laughed and joked and talked about the volleyball and basketball games. With her friendship with my Mother, Barb Bearden, Nancy always poked fun and gave me a rash of crap when she was the referee! She always made me laugh! I loved her and her sense of humor!! She will be sorely missed! Sending you all our heartfelt condolences. I bet her and Dale are smiling together... and playing poker! RIH  
Love and hugs,  
LuAnn K Bearden-Welsh and Jack A Welsh

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**LuAnn K Bearden-Welsh** - September 15, 2025 at 10:28 PM

KR

“ We were friends many years ago and the 4 of us had alot of good times together. RIP

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**Karen Roback** - September 15, 2025 at 09:34 PM