



## Sarah Marie Smith

June 2, 1983 - March 11, 2022

BLISSFIELD – Sarah Smith, age 38, of Blissfield, died Friday evening, March 11, 2022, surrounded by her family while under the care of Hospice of Lenawee. She was born June 2, 1983, in Toledo, OH, the older daughter of Allen and Judith (Mattek) Smith.

A lifelong resident of Blissfield, Sarah graduated from Blissfield High School with the Class of 2001, and later studied Law at the ITT Technical Institute in Maumee, OH. Raised with a strong work ethic, Sarah always had gainful employment, working over 13 years at Blissfield McDonalds, and four years with the Blissfield Insurance Agency. Just over a year ago, her entrepreneurial drive allowed her to realize her dream of opening her own business in downtown Blissfield, Her Daughters' Boutique, with the help of her sister. She also worked as an independent saleswoman for both Tastefully Simple and Color Street.

Family was the center of Sarah's life, and after losing her mother in 2008, she willfully assumed many roles of the matriarch, in particular always making sure her dad's needs were taken care of. Remembered for her selfless ways, her love and care for others were unconditional, and she had special bonds with both her father and her sister. She always anticipated get-togethers with her sister when they could watch sitcom re-runs of "Friends", "The Golden Girls", "Roseann", "King of Queens", "Reba", and "Everybody Loves

Raymond”, to name a few. A lover of country music, Sarah had a special affinity for the artist Luke Bryan. She also enjoyed traveling with the family—be it camping, trips out west, or yearly visits to Kissimmee, FL. One of her favorite peaceful places to be, however, was at the pond at her Aunt Sue’s property in Riga.

Sarah was very involved with the Heritage Farmers Tractor Club, and at one time served as its secretary. She also was a devoted member of St. John’s Lutheran Evangelical Church in Riga.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her father, Allen Smith of Blissfield; her boyfriend of 5 years, Jerome Brown of Riga; her sister, Jessica Smith (Jose Nepomuceno) of Blissfield; her paternal grandmother, Pauline Smith of Ottawa Lake; aunts and uncles, John (Leann) Mattek of Riga, Mark (Jamie) Mattek of Riga, Sue (Jim) Walters of Riga, and Amy Ambil of Toledo; cousins, Renee, Stephen, Johnathon, Josh, and Jason Mattek; and her beloved dachshund companion, Smitty.

Sarah was preceded in death by her mother, Judith; maternal grandparents, Floyd and Marcella Mattek; paternal grandfather, Richard Smith; and an uncle, Willie Ambil.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, March, 15, 2022, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield. A funeral service for Sarah will be held at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riga on Wednesday, March 16, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Justin Shrum officiating. Burial will follow in Riga Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider memorial donations in honor of Sarah be made to Hospice of Lenawee, Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority, or an alternate charity of their choice.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riga Cemetery

Cemetery Road  
Riga, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St.  
Blissfield, MI 49228  
(517) 486-2133  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
11949 Wegner Road  
Riga, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Marie Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.



March 15, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ Susan/jim Sharp lit a candle in memory of Sarah Marie Smith



susan/jim sharp - March 15, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.



March 14, 2022 at 10:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 14, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 14, 2022 at 07:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 14, 2022 at 02:32 PM



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March 14, 2022 at 10:36 AM



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March 13, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *I met Sarah at McDonalds. She had such a caring a selfless personality and we instantly became friends. I will never forget the talks and the laughs that we shared. Heaven must have been needing a hero. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family during this time.*



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**Shawna Schultz** - March 12, 2022 at 11:34 PM



“ *I met Sarah at McDonalds and we instantly became friends. Sarah had such a caring and selfless personality and we just got along so well. She had a heart of gold and she will be missed by so many. I'll always remember the laughs that we shared. Heaven must have needed a hero. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family.*



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**Shawna Schultz** - March 12, 2022 at 11:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 12, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 12, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 12, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sarah Marie Smith.*



March 12, 2022 at 03:01 PM

DH

“ Sarah and my son Adam Seeger were close friends in high school. They even attended prom together. I’m sure Adam will welcome Sarah in heaven. Heartfelt prayers are being sent to her family in this difficult time.

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**Deb Hilton** - March 12, 2022 at 02:24 PM

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“ Sarah was such a strong woman who worked hard and loved fiercely. Her honesty was always refreshing. She will be so dearly missed.

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**Autumn Smith** - March 12, 2022 at 02:09 PM