



Mary Bell Smith

September 7, 1927 - May 12, 2016

Mary Bell Smith, 88, of Benton Harbor, died early Thursday morning, May 12, 2016 at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 1 PM on Tuesday, May 17, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor with Rev. William Hughes officiating. Burial will be at Crystal Springs Cemetery. The visitation will be held from 5 PM to 8 PM on Monday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net

Mary Bell was born in Lexington, TN on Sept. 7, 1927 to Willie and Mollie (Rush) Todd. She moved to the area in 1941 and married Leroy Smith on Aug. 18, 1945. They were married for 25 years before he preceded her in death in 1971. She was an active member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Benton Harbor. Mary Bell was a hard worker and retired in 1991 from Bendix after 21 years of employment as a machine operator in the disc brake division. She was an avid supporter of the UAW. Mary Bell enjoyed being a part of her social Karaoke group and loved going shopping. She was an outgoing social person who liked people.

She is survived by her children, Danny (Sally) Smith of Coloma and Glenda (Hector) Canales of Zeeland; her 6 grandchildren, Dan, Toni, Billy, Jamie, Anita, and Christopher; her 15 great-grandchildren; her 5 great great-grandchildren and her loving nieces, nephews, and friends. She was also preceded in death by her son, Billy Smith in 1994; by her grandson, Ronnie Smith in 1963, and her 4 brothers and 5 sisters.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Service

MAY 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LE

“ Thinking of You today and still missing Our chats

LeeAnn - August 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM

HF

“ Heaven received another Angel...she will be missed.
Prayers to the family

Heidi M. Fortner-Coombs

Heidi Fortner-Coombs - May 22, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Bell Smith.

May 16, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Bell Smith.

May 16, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Bell Smith.

May 15, 2016 at 10:33 PM



PZ

“ Pamela Zandarski lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Smith



Pamela Zandarski - May 14, 2016 at 08:18 PM

TR

“ I used to love walking around the neighbor hood as a kid, and see her out on her front porch and I would go talk to her. she was so sweet and always smiled.

Tracy Rayon - May 14, 2016 at 06:21 PM

TR

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Tracy Rayon - May 14, 2016 at 06:18 PM

SM

“ I am so thankful and blessed that Mary Bell came into my life the day I hired into Bosch, the best friend that anyone could ever hope to have, always there for me and everyone that ever come in contact with her. Thank you God, for putting this great lady in my life. Love you forever. Sara McNeely

Sara McNeely - May 14, 2016 at 09:54 AM

JL

“ Jan Leach lit a candle in memory of Mary Bell Smith



Jan leach - May 14, 2016 at 06:47 AM

JL

“ *Mary I will always remember our trip to black lake what a great time we had you were the best friend anyone could ever ask for. Thank you for all the fun times at Bendix we will miss you dearly enjoy your heavily life I know you are looking down and smiling
With a heavy heart I say goodbye my friend
Jan*

Jan leach - May 14, 2016 at 06:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Bell Smith.*



May 13, 2016 at 11:58 PM

JK

“ *I have known Marybell most of my life and she was a great women always on the go and there was never no holding her back she will be missed by so many people she touched so many lives and family meant everything to her I worked with her back in 1999 at canteen services and she always had me and are co workers cracking up I love you Mary now you are in heaven with the ones that left us way to soon and I no you are happy you lived along fun life I don't think there was one thing you missed out on you will forever be miss and forever be loved from your friend Jill Kinchen*



jill kinchen - May 13, 2016 at 08:59 PM

AW

“ *I am so thankful that Paul & I were able to spend some time with Grandma (MaryBell) the past 6 years. We had so much fun going out to the beach and walking the pier, then Grandma started getting tired and we'd take her a chair to sit in while Paul and I walked it. Last 2 years she hadn't felt good enough to go. I think thats when I started realizing that Grandma wasnt going to be with us forever. Now that time has come and although it hurts, I am thankful that she is no longer in pain. The memories I have are priceless and I am so thankful that I have them. God bless all of you and you are in my thoughts & prayers. Love Anita*

Anita Wilburn - May 13, 2016 at 08:41 PM

AW

“ Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love Anita & Paul.



Anita Wilburn - May 13, 2016 at 08:27 PM

RW

“ Ah, Mary Bell sure was an active woman in her earlier days. We worked quite a bit at Bendix together. She was a spirited woman. Loved being around people. She now has a new home to enjoy. She will be missed. Ron & Janice Woob



Ronald Wood - May 13, 2016 at 03:06 PM

AW

Grandma is going to be so missed by so many people. She will never be forgotten because the memories she has left with us are many! I am so glad that Paul and I were able to spend some time with her over the past 6 years. Its still so hard to believe and my heart already hurts so bad. But I thank God she is no longer suffering. She was too good of a person to have too endure too much more. Fly high Grandma....We love you and will never forget you!

Anita Wilburn - May 13, 2016 at 08:21 PM

DK

Will miss Ms. Mary Bell she was the life of the party. Known her most all my life have fun in heaven.

Dorothy Krajecki - May 13, 2016 at 09:10 PM