



## Vera Smith

September 30, 1936 - March 14, 2017

Vera Smith, 80, of Bainbridge Township, died early Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at home.

Services celebrating her life will be at 11 AM on Friday, March 17, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery. You are invited to meet with her family and friends from 5 PM to 7 PM on Thursday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lifegate Baptist Church in Eau Claire. Please share memories, messages or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Vera was born in Lithuania on Sept. 30, 1936 to Mikhail and Praskovya Bykovskiy. She was orphaned during World War II before coming to the US after the war. She married Victor "Dean" Smith on Sept. 8, 1956 in Benton Harbor and he preceded her in death in 2003 after nearly 47 years of marriage. Vera retired in 2002 from Modern Plastics after 27 years of employment. She was a member of the Lifegate Baptist Church in Eau Claire. Among the things she enjoyed were Tiger baseball, U of M football, and working in her yard. She was a kind, caring, and independent individual and her greatest joy came from spending time with her family.

Her family includes her children, Mark Smith and Victor Smith, Jr., both of St. Joseph, her grandchildren, Aaron, Katerina and Brian Benitez; her great

grandchild, and her sister, Maria in Lithuania. She was also preceded in death by her son, Michael Smith, in 1995 and her daughter, Karen Benitez, in 2014.

# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Springs Cemetery

1655 E Napier Ave  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your mother was a loving friend of my mother, June Musick. I always enjoyed taking "the girls" out to lunch. They are both greatly missed.*

*Susan Veersma*

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**susan veersma** - March 15, 2017 at 06:53 PM



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



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“ *Connie was always close with Vera . Will miss them both. Fred Luther*

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**Fred Luther** - March 15, 2017 at 02:54 PM