



Wanda L. Smith

September 26, 1959 - February 24, 2017

Wanda L. Smith (nee Wenzel), age 57, of Hobart, passed away suddenly of natural causes on February 24, 2017. Wanda was a graduate of Hobart High School, Class of 1978. She was the owner of The Nail Stop in Hobart and Alert Alarm in Merrillville. Wanda was a former member of Tri Kappa. She brought a smile to everyone she knew and lived her life to the fullest. Wanda was very dedicated to her family and Christian faith. She truly enjoyed her RV traveling lifestyle, her dogs Lucie and Christie and bird watching.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents-Donald and Juanita Wenzel (nee Kutka); former husband-Robert Rykovich. She is survived by her husband-Randal Smith; daughter-Erin (Jeremy) Miller of Hobart, son-Edward (Ashly Ewing) Weber of Crown Point, daughter –Caitlin (Greg) Wright of Hobart, daughter-Allison (Eric Hadley) Smith of Hobart; five grandchildren-Lincoln, Lilliana, Leo, Laik and Jocelyn; two sisters-Sharyn Trinosky and Donna Luedtke, both of AZ; several nieces and nephews; special girlfriends-Carrie Adelman Ledyard, Janine Limpus and many other dear friends; former husband and dear friend-Ed (Linda) Weber of Valparaiso; special friends-Roger and Vivian Szostek.

There will be a celebration of Wanda's life on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 1-4:00 p.m. at Avalon Manor, 3550 East Lincoln Highway, Merrillville IN. Burns Funeral Home, Hobart, entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Come Bye Border Collie Rescue, P.O. Box 332, Highland, IL. 62249 and to the Gary Sinise Foundation, www.garysinisefo

undation.org. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Avalon Manor
3550 East U.S. Highway 30
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am surprised and saddened to learn of Wanda's passing. My condolences to the immediate family, the children, the grand children, and the many, many of her friends, of whom I am very proud to have been one. Although it's been couple years since I last saw her in Hobart, her smile always left an indelible impression on me. Wanda was wise beyond her years, high energy and always considerate.

She will be missed.

*Mark Hurak
Newtown, PA*

Mark Hurak - March 27, 2017 at 03:42 PM

TR

“ I am so shocked and sad to hear about Wanda. I hadn't seen her in several years, but what a fun, beautiful person she was. I will be out of town for her service and am so sorry that I cannot be there. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Theresa Rodriguez (Murphy)

Theresa Rodriguez - March 07, 2017 at 12:59 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Smith.



March 07, 2017 at 12:09 PM

LN

“ *Laura Kerr Noga lit a candle in memory of Wanda L. Smith*



Laura Kerr Noga - March 05, 2017 at 01:01 PM

BP

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to all of you. There is no doubt Wanda will be a missed presence in the lives of those who knew her.*

*Bob and Becki Paske
Callahan, FL*

Becki Paske - March 03, 2017 at 03:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wanda L. Smith.*



March 03, 2017 at 11:09 AM

LL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lana Lucas - March 02, 2017 at 05:53 AM

LL

Wanda was always there if you needed help with anything. She and her sisters grew up with our family and we have many memories. I babysat her for some yrs when her mom and dad were at work and she even helped me with my kids watching after them. We will all miss her so much! I am still in shock. She and her sisters are my first cousins. Praying for her children and husband to help them through this very sad time.

Lana Lucas - March 02, 2017 at 06:07 AM



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



March 01, 2017 at 07:30 PM

RC

“ *Wanda has been a dear friend to me for 30 years. Wand and her family were always great people. It will be a big void without her. My prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Rest in peace Wanda.*

*Randell Cook
Nashville, TN.*

Randell Cook - March 01, 2017 at 07:10 PM

TH

“ Rest In Peace you beautiful woman! From my biggest crush when we went to George Earle Elementary to a good friend who tried her hardest to convert me to the GOP right. A wonderful wife,mother,grandma and friend to so many! I will miss you very much my friend! xo

Tom Haskett - March 01, 2017 at 07:01 PM

DM

“ Not only a giving and caring person, one fabulous Nana. Gone to soon, love you to the moon and back❤️Nana Debi

Deborah Mendenhall - March 01, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ Prayers to family and friends.I will miss her,We went to George Earl together too. RIP Wanda,Fly with the angels my friend



Cynthia Sharp - March 01, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ Rest In peace , Wanda ! You will be missed by all who knew you ! Sending my prayers and love to your family..... Love,Mel Maicki



Melanie Maicki - March 01, 2017 at 10:27 AM

NR

Wanda was such a beautiful lady inside and out ! She could talk to anyone and you always felt her kind presence!! Wanda you will be missed by all who knew you!!! 🙏🙏🙏

nancy reed - March 01, 2017 at 06:06 PM

RM

“ I moved to Hobart in 1st grade and Wanda was first person to befriend me. Strange but that has always stuck with me and it's one of the many things we've laughed about over the years. Plus we shared the same birthday and before Facebook she still popped up in my head every year on that day. When we got back in touch on social media she made that comment to me and we laughed because we both always remembered that also. Wanda had such a zest for life and a smile that would brighten a room. She will be dearly missed by so many. My heart breaks for her family and I can tell you she was such a proud momma and grandma! Love you always my dear friend. God has gained a beautiful angel.



Rhonda (Kirk) McManaway - March 01, 2017 at 05:00 AM