



Claudia Jean Smith

April 25, 1949 - March 17, 2026

Claudia Jean Garrette Smith- On March 17, 2026 is now at rest after losing her battle with cancer. Born April 25, 1949, in New York, Claudia lived most of her life in New Hudson, Michigan working various jobs over the years while raising three boys. She retired as a school bus driver of around 20 years. Claudia decided to move to Keokee, Virginia once her husband Jack passed, to be close to her three sons. She was a dedicated mother to her three sons throughout her life time. She enjoyed her family and cooking for the everyone. Enjoying her retirement surrounded by all her family and friends. She dedicated her time to her entire family and gave so much back to the community, by taking care of the dogs in the neighborhood along with providing a helpful hand to almost anyone that needed it. She spent as much time as she could with her grandkids and her morning talks with both her sons, Claudia was an avid reader and enjoyed her home in the mountains of Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Smith; mother, Norma Jean Dickenson; father, Claude Dickenson; her first husband, Teddy Garrette Sr.; and son, Teddy "Todd" Garrette Jr.

Claudia is survived by her sister, Roxanne Mills and daughter Heidi Mills Rundgren; her brother, Mike Dickenson; her sons, Shawn Garrette and wife April, and Jeremy Garrette and wife, Savannah, her adopted daughter, Nicole

Smith; her grandchildren, Justin Garrette, Hank Lee Garrette, Brian Scott Richardson, Michael Garrette and fiancé Mekayla, Savannah Garrette, Skylar Reece Garrette, and Halee Garrette and fiancé, Ryan Christian; her step-grandchildren, Allison Garrette, Abigail Garrette, and Avree McQueen; her greatgrandchildren, Shelby Jean Garrette, Jeremy Lee Garrette, Winston Garrette, and soon to be "baby boy" Garrette; and her great friend, Renate Cash.