



## Carol Elizabeth Lahti "MeMe" Smith

November 13, 1948 - June 11, 2024

Carol Elizabeth Lahti Smith, beloved Mom, "MeMe" (Grandmother, Great-Grandmother,) sister, aunt and cherished friend, passed away on June 11, 2024. She resided in Summerfield, FL and Bellaire, MI.

Carol was born on Nov. 13, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan to Elizabeth Tabar Lahti and Dr. Paul T. Lahti. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1971 with a B.A. degree. Her career spanned many years in mortgage banking in The Villages, FL and later as a real estate agent. She loved her work: "being able to find the best financial way possible to help to make people's dreams a reality."

Carol married Grady Smith III, in 1999, in The Villages, FL, where they lived on a nearby horse farm. Together they raised Grady's sons, Kyle and Casey. More than anything, Carol loved family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Smith III, her mother and father, and siblings, Ted and Linda.

She is survived by and will be greatly missed by her sons; Stephan "Kyle" Smith, Brian "Casey" Smith, siblings; Jim (Lola Lahti,) Cathi Smith, Christine Lahti (Thomas Schlamme), eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, six nieces and nephews, and many friends in Northern Michigan and Florida- all

of whose lives were deeply enriched by her great gift for loving.

Arrangements have been made with Beyers Funeral Home at 1123 W. Main St. Leesburg, FL for viewing on June 21 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and the funeral service on June 22 at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will be held following the funeral at noon in the Spruce Creek South Clubhouse in Summerfield, FL. Burial will be at the Townsend Cemetery in Hawthorne, FL at 3 p.m. A memorial service will be held in Bellaire, Michigan at a later date.

Donations in Carol's memory can be made to Marion County Florida Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN 21. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory  
1123 W Main St  
Leesburg, FL 34748  
(352) 787-4343

## Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Luncheon

JUN 22. 12:00 PM.

Spruce Creek South Clubhouse  
Summerfield, FL

## Burial

JUN 22. 3:00 PM.

Townsend Cemetery  
Hawthorne, FL

# Tribute Wall

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“Katie and Eliza purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carol Elizabeth Lahti "MeMe" Smith.



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**Katie and Eliza** - June 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

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“Christine, Jim and Cathi, My family sends condolences to you, your family, and Carol's on the loss of your sister. I don't think we met her personally, but we knew your folks. I saw the obituary in our local northern Michigan newspaper and the name was familiar. As I read the obituary, I saw your dad's name - and then I knew. Your mom and dad were customers of my business - we had been to their northern Michigan home many times. At the time, I didn't make the name connections - but after reading the obituary, I remembered when I saw your dad's name. Jim, we are also in Bellaire.

*Will say some extra prayers for your families for peace and comfort, and will watch for updates on Bellaire memorial.*

*Peace to you all.  
The Moore's  
moore@torchlake.com*

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**Tim & Joanie Moore** - June 20, 2024 at 11:01 PM

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“ Love, Christine and Tommy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carol Elizabeth Lahti "MeMe" Smith.



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Love, Christine and Tommy - June 17, 2024 at 06:19 PM

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“ Love, Christine and Tommy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Elizabeth Lahti "MeMe" Smith.

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Love, Christine and Tommy - June 17, 2024 at 06:19 PM