



Ms. Darlene Smith

March 31, 1963 - July 4, 2025

Darlene passed away on July 4, 2025 at Botsford Hospital in the afternoon. She was surrounded by loved ones.

Darlene Lambert-Smith was born in West Helena Arkansas on March 31, 1963 to Louise Chaney and the late William Lambert. Darlene began her education in West Helena Arkansas where she resided with her grandmother the late Pernella Brown. Whom Darlene referred to as "Nelly". Darlene loved the south and would go back and forth for many years.

Darlene returned to Michigan and continued her education earning an associate degree at Wayne County Community College. She continue her education earning a certificate as a Certified nurse assistant which she loved. Darlene worked in the healthcare industry for many years. She was a strong advocate for children and the elderly. Excellence was evident at every turn.

Darlene loved her family and friends. Her sister Myrna affectionately referred to her as "The Pusher" Darlene would encourage, listen and give words of advice to anyone, like it or not. Darlene was a no sugarcoat type of person; she was very outspoken ... and yet kind and gentle. No matter what you were going through Darlene gave a constant reminder that Life don't tell us No when's ... No whys!

Darlene was preceded in death by her only son Joseph Lambert, Father William Lambert (Shirley), Grandmother Pernella Brown, Brothers James Chaney Jr (Rusty), brother-in-law Carmichael Moss, and Nephew Terell Antonio Graham.

Darlene leaves to cherish her memory: Parents Louise Chaney (James). Two daughters Tiffany Rena Hardwick (Charles) and Candice Smith. 11 grandchildren, a very special granddaughter, Imiani Micshelle Cokes who took good care of Darlene until the very end. Romeo Williams, Camran Smith, CodeiCarter McKinley, Cory McKinley, Christian McKinley, Carlo Smith, Jolaiya Lambert, and Joseph Lambert Jr. Three sisters: Myrna Micshelle Moss, Denise Chaney, and Flomenthia Hayes-Lambert. Four Brothers: William Lambert Jr (Lashawnda), Rodney Chaney (Sharlena), Orlando Chaney and Marcus Lambert. A host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Previous Events

Family Hour

Friday, Jul. **18**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Many Heartfelt Condolences To Darlene Smith Family: Your Mom and Grandma will be in your Hearts Forever. She will be Remembered and Deeply Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved her. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4 and Rev 21:4*

Maria A - July 14, 2025 at 08:57 PM

CM

“ *Cory Ryan mckinley lit a candle in memory of Darlene Smith*



Cory Ryan mckinley - July 14, 2025 at 08:52 AM

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“ *cory mckinley lit a candle in memory of Darlene Smith*



cory mckinley - July 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM

RE

“ *Randall Emmons purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ms. Darlene Smith.*



Randall Emmons - July 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ Randall Emmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Darlene Smith.

Randall Emmons - July 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

CM

“ Im going to miss you grandma

Cory Ryan mckinley - July 09, 2025 at 08:45 AM

CM

“ Cory Ryan Mckinley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Darlene Smith



Cory Ryan mckinley - July 09, 2025 at 08:42 AM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darlene Smith



Jeffrey Davis - July 08, 2025 at 10:49 AM