



Gale A. Smith

June 1, 1951 - June 7, 2023

Gale A. Smith, 72, of Broski Road, Broadalbin, passed away Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Albany Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on June 1, 1951, in Detroit, MI, a daughter of Henry and Maxine Schmuhl Gruzwalski, and was a 1969 graduate of Clawson High School. Gale lived in Long Beach, CA, where she met her husband, Don. After her marriage, she moved to Fort Covington, NY and in 1974, the couple moved to Turin, NY. In 1981, the Smith's purchased a dairy farm in Morristown. Gale and her husband owned and operated Smith Dairy until 1999. In 2003, they moved to Broadalbin.

Mrs. Smith worked at the HFM BOCES as a teacher's aide for more than eleven years. She enjoyed her time at Mayfield Elementary School and at McNab Elementary School in Gloversville. Gale retired in 2017 and continued her expert care and compassion for children with special needs as a permanent substitute for four additional years after her retirement.

Gale enjoyed sewing and often volunteered her skills to make costumes for school. She loved crafting and was a talented artist. Most of all, Gale loved spending time with family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, Gary and Glenn Gruzwalski.

Survivors include her husband, Donald R. Smith, whom she married on April 1, 1972; three children, Deangela (Dominic) Kwiatkowski of Broadalbin, Annette (Jeremy) Eaton of Ontario, NY, and Darin (Karen) Smith of Wayland, NY; a sister, Gloria (Steve) Kemmis of St. Claire Shores, MI; a brother, Henry Gruzwalski of Lapeer, MI; seven grandchildren; a great-grandson; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Private services will be held for the family. Final burial will be at the Gerald B.H. Solomon-Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106, Johnstown, NY 12095.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Soloman Saratoga National Cemetary

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY 12871

Tribute Wall

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“ Mary P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gale A. Smith.

Mary P. - June 26, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gale A. Smith.



June 16, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Gale A. Smith.



June 15, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gale A. Smith.

June 15, 2023 at 12:17 PM

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“ Dee & Dom - I am so sorry to see this. I always had fun sitting in the bleachers with you and your parents. I certainly miss those days. She was a wonderful woman. Our condolences. Lukie & Bob Reakes

Lukie Reakes - June 12, 2023 at 06:52 AM

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“ She was such a sweet lady she treated all of her non biological grandchildren as if they were her own and always came to all the kwiatkowski family functions. She loved my grandma rose too and they were like best friends. Her smile was contagious; just an all around wonderful person. I love you aunt Dee, uncle Dom, little Dom, and Meighan ❤️

Courtney Kwiatkowski - June 09, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gale A. Smith.

June 09, 2023 at 06:15 PM