



Cara L. Smude

June 26, 1967 - February 8, 2023

Cara Lee Smude, 55 year old resident of Lastrup, MN, passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at her residence with her family by her side. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church in Lastrup, MN, at 11:00 A.M., with Father Jose Chettoor officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 A.M. at St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church prior to the Mass. Caring for Cara and her family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Pierz.

Cara Lee Virnig was born on June 26, 1967, in Little Falls, MN, to Ronald Virnig and the late Doris (Kliber) Virnig. She graduated from Pierz Healy High School in 1985. Cara was united in marriage to James Smude on May 30th, 1987. She ran a daycare and later worked in the banquet department at the Mille Lacs Casino for 16 years, while also helping out on the farm, and raising her children. Also In her free time, Cara enjoyed bowling, gardening, sewing, fishing, canning, and visiting her grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Cara is survived by her husband, James Frederick Smude; sons, Cody (Brittney) Smude, Grant (friend Nelson) Smude, Josh (Trista) Smude, and Ryley (friend Kelsey) Smude; daughter, Faith (friend Devon) Smude; grandchildren, Lennox Smude, Skarlyt Smude, Walkyr Smude, and Eden Smude; father, Ronald Virnig; brothers, Stephen (Cindie) Virnig, Jesse Virnig,

Kyle (Angela) Virnig, and Ian (Tamara) Virnig; sisters, Gina (Timothy) Lane, Katrine (Mark) Solinger, Ruth (Rob Clemons) Virnig, Amy Moore, and Jayne (Tom) Fischer; and many nieces, and nephews.

Cara was preceded in death by her mom, Doris Virnig; nephew, Joseph Smude; grandchild, Hudson James Smude; grandparents, Peter and Marie Virnig, and Philip and Alice Kliber; parents-in-law, Margaret and Stanley Smude; and brothers-in-law, Robert and Ronald Smude.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Nepomuk
28520 Church Street
Lastrup, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Cara L. Smude*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 16, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 16, 2023 at 12:09 PM

KR

“ *Cara was a beautiful person inside and out. We always enjoyed meeting up with you guys late at Porky's. Your kindness and laughter will not be forgotten. Please reach out to us if you need anything. Prayers to you and your family for peace.*



Karen Kay Roam - February 16, 2023 at 10:56 AM

HR

“ *Sympathy to the family and friends of Cara.*



Holly Runnoe - February 16, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cara L. Smude.*



February 15, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I always had fun helping Ruthy and Katie babysit over at Cara’s house. Our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved her.*

John and Kelly Nemec and boys (Cara’s cousin)

Kelly Nemec - February 15, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cara L. Smude.*



February 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cara L. Smude.*



February 13, 2023 at 03:40 PM

NG

“ Jim and family thoughts and prayers to all of you, she was way to young. She was always full of life. Jim and Natalie Gritzmacher



Natalie Gritzmacherr - February 13, 2023 at 01:54 PM

CB

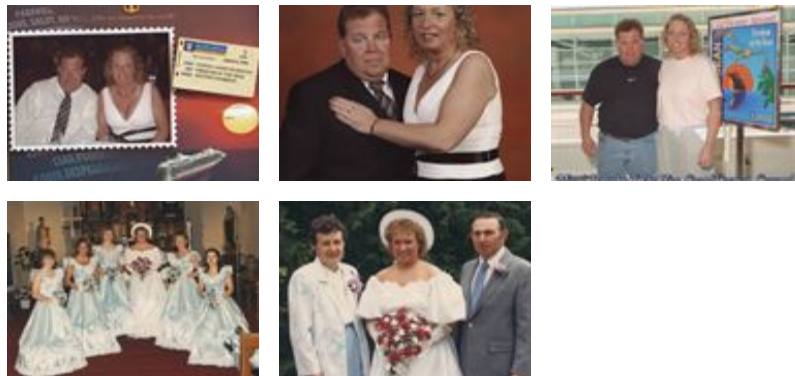
“ Correna Becker lit a candle in memory of Cara L. Smude



Correna Becker - February 12, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 12, 2023 at 12:40 PM

DW

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Jim. We will keep you in our prayers at this terrible time, and in the future years. This is not going to be easy. May your memories be helpful and your pictures of MoM bring you smiles. She will be missed. She had lots of laughs with the Lastrup ladies. A few snowmobile rides, a few sewing costumes projects, many parties.... Don n Marlys

Don n Marlys Will - February 12, 2023 at 11:31 AM

TH

“ Jim, So sorry to hear of losing Cara. Peace to you and your family.

Tom Hanowski - February 12, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cara L. Smude.



February 11, 2023 at 09:09 PM

KT

“ Jim, Cody and family--I am so sorry on your loss. Sending prayers and hugs.



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - February 11, 2023 at 07:49 PM

RE

“ So sorry for you loss. Our thoughts and prayers to you all.

Renee & Bob



Renee - February 11, 2023 at 06:52 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss... Diana and Bob



Diana Waddell - February 11, 2023 at 03:58 PM

MW

“ So, sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family!



Mike & Pearl Wilson - February 11, 2023 at 11:47 AM

MS

“ Mike & Marie Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Cara L. Smude



Mike & Marie Schaefer - February 11, 2023 at 11:35 AM

TT

“ Tate And Kathi Tetrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Cara L. Smude



Tate and Kathi Tetrick - February 11, 2023 at 01:00 AM

LL

“ So sorry to hear about Cara. She was way to young. Sending prayers to the family. Take care,

Lisa & Andy Leisenheimer

Lisa Leisenheimer - February 10, 2023 at 08:49 PM

CB

“ So sorry to hear of Cara's death. My sympathies and prayers go out for Cara's family.



Connie Banach - February 10, 2023 at 08:25 PM

LP

“ Lori And Bill Przybilla lit a candle in memory of Cara L. Smude



Lori and Bill Przybilla - February 10, 2023 at 07:40 PM

TH

“ *Tiny & Danny Hoheisel lit a candle in memory of Cara L. Smude*



Tiny & Danny Hoheisel - February 10, 2023 at 07:03 PM

LB

Fred & I are so sorry for your loss. Keeping all of your families in our thoughts & prayers. May God surround you with his love at this sad time.

Lou Ann Bubbers - February 11, 2023 at 06:01 PM

FS

Jim and family so sorry for your loss. Our sympathies and prayers are with you all.

Fred and Debbie Seppelt - February 12, 2023 at 09:28 AM