



Ione M. Smieja

February 2, 1928 - March 9, 2016

Ione M. Smieja, an 88-year-old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at Heritage Place in Sartell, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville, MN with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be at the St. John's Parish Cemetery in Swanville. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 P.M. on Monday at St. John's Catholic Church in Swanville and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Ione truly was a servant of God. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009 and spent her last years at the Legends at Heritage Place in Sartell, MN. Ione was born at home, February 2, 1928 in Royalton MN. She married Clarence on October 10th 1944, and they lived in Pierz, MN. Ione and Clarence moved to their Swanville farm in 1961. She loved her flower gardens and kept an immaculate yard. Ione also loved her music and often could be found dancing and singing. But her biggest passion was for children and her family. Ione raised 9 children of her own, along with around 130 foster children, and also did daycare. She worked at Munsingwear and then 3rd shift at St. Gabriel Hospital so she could be home in the mornings to fix breakfast before the kids went to school.

Ione is survived by one brother, Frank (JoAnn) Trutwin of Royalton, MN and 9 children. Carol (Bob) Anderson of Fort Ripley, MN, Mike (Sharon) Smieja of Rice, MN, Dan (Marcia) Smieja of Rice, MN, Melody (Kevin) Gradin of Clear Lake, MN, Debby (Ron) Robinson of Zimmerman, MN, Pam Smieja of

Shakopee, MN, Wanda (Dave) Baumgartner of Big Lake, MN, Scott (Carrie) of Monticello, MN and Brenda (Bo) Bohlinger of Shakopee, MN.; 27 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren and many foster children. Ione is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; grandson, Brian, and 6 siblings. Mom/Grandma is now dancing (most likely a polka) in heaven. We are sad that she is no longer with us here physically, but rejoicing that she is now home with her Heavenly Father with no more suffering. We love you mom, grandma! Pallbearers will be Ione's grandsons.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN

Swanville, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Visitation

MAR **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville
12 First Street
Swanville, MN

Service

MAR **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of lone M. Smieja*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 12, 2016 at 03:38 PM

MG

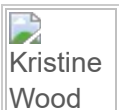
Forever in our Hearts!

Melody Gradin - March 14, 2016 at 11:08 AM

SK

Melody and Family of lone I am so sorry to hear that your Mother and Grandmother has passed away. She will be missed by many You're in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your families.,

Sandie (Gessell) Klimmek - March 14, 2016 at 07:53 PM



Kristine Wood

I'll miss you lone. You will forever be a part of my life. I love you and am sad you left us

Kristine Wood - March 28, 2016 at 05:48 AM

KW

to josh, melanie, lori, scott carrie and family, thank you all so very much for sharing memories of her. she was such a sweetheart and kind woman. i will never forget her. even tho she was my foster mom, i thought of her as a grandma. i hope we can keep in touch because i remember you all.

kristine wood - August 30, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Ione M. Smieja

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 18, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ione M. Smieja.



March 14, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ione M. Smieja.



March 14, 2016 at 10:57 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lone M. Smieja.*



March 14, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *lone was my very dear friend. We shared so many good times together over the years . . . neighbors on the farms in Pierz. I remember our mothers talking in their native Polish language and so much laughter. I will miss her and remember her always.*

*Dellie Treb
Fairbanks, Alaska*

Dennis & Paulette Treb - March 13, 2016 at 09:35 PM



“ *Mary Tautges lit a candle in memory of lone M. Smieja*



Mary Tautges - March 13, 2016 at 04:27 PM

FF

“ *Florian and Betty's children and their families. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of lone M. Smieja.*



Florian and Betty's children and their families. - March 12, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of lone M. Smieja.*



March 12, 2016 at 02:15 PM

CD

“ *I worked with lone at the hospital she was such an awesome person and a very hard co worker and she made "working" fun I am so very sorry for your loss*



Charlie and Dianne - March 12, 2016 at 12:14 PM

YM

“ *Your friends at "Prosperous Partners" BNI Savage MN purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of lone M. Smieja.*



Your friends at "Prosperous Partners" BNI Savage MN - March 11, 2016 at 04:24 PM

KG

“ Kathryn Gessell lit a candle in memory of lone M. Smieja



Kathryn Gessell - March 11, 2016 at 11:18 AM

GM

“ A KIND AND GENTLE HUMAN BEING , SHE WILL BE MISSED .

GENE LINDER AND SANDRA MELLGREN



GENE LINDER AND SANDRA MELLGREN - March 11, 2016 at 09:20 AM

RB

“ lone was a fine parent to many children. Good bye gentle person.



Richard Berg - March 10, 2016 at 03:41 PM

KW

i have fond memories of her. she was my foster mom but i considered her a grandma. she had the sweetest and kindest soul. im sure she's in heaven polka dancing away. lol

kristine wood - August 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Ione M. Smieja.*



March 10, 2016 at 01:06 PM



“ *Collette And Vern Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Ione M. Smieja*



Collette and Vern Ehrenberg - March 09, 2016 at 07:33 PM