



Theresa H. Smith

November 3, 1938 - October 16, 2024

Theresa "Terry" H Smith died peacefully in Brick, NJ on October 16, 2024 at the age of 85.

Theresa is survived by her children Joseph Smith and his wife Christine (m.2020), Kelly Smith Brill and her husband Kenny (m.1991), Karen Smith Gabrielsen and her husband Carl (m.1991), Theresa Smith Shuping and her husband Brian (m.2022); her grandchildren Jacquelyn Smith Rose and her husband Ian (m.2024), Amanda Gabrielsen, Jessica Gabrielsen Rosato and her husband Anthony (m.2024), Jennifer Brill Cloud and her husband Dillon (m.2021), Brianna Kolsin, Nicholas Kolsin, Tyler Gabrielsen and Christine Brill; and her great granddaughter Sophia Cloud and two great-grandchildren on the way.

Theresa was preceded in death by her loving husband Joseph (m.1961), her parents Theresa and Michael Rusinak; mother and father-in-law Ann and John Smith; and her brother John Rusinak.

Theresa was born on November 3, 1938 in Jersey City, NJ to Theresa and Michael Rusinak. She grew up in lower Manhattan and Bay Ridge, NY attending Ft. Hamilton High School. She met the love of her life, Joseph Smith, in 1959; they married and started their family. The couple settled on Wilson Avenue in Staten Island where they raised four children. She moved to

Brick, NJ in 2020 where she spent the remainder of her beautiful life.

Her children remember her as a loving mother who encouraged them to be independent and loving as her family grew to include eight grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who she enjoyed and will continue to enjoy watching over their families as they continue to grow.

Terry was passionate about reading (particularly Danielle Steele), coloring, woodworking, listening to country music, Elvis Presley and the polkas. She enjoyed watching her favorite TV shows, eating fresh crabs and fish, slots and crossword puzzles.

The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2024 at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. Visiting hours will be from 8:30-9:30 with celebration of mass following at Holy Child Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 19. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312