



## Smith T. Clara

January 1, 2012

Clara Theresa Smith August 29, 1931-January 1, 2012 Clara Theresa Smith, 80, of Deshler, Ohio died Sunday afternoon, January 1, 2012 at Oak Grove Healthcare Center, Deshler. She was born August 29, 1931 in Leipsic, Ohio to the late Louis and Amelia (Godde) Schmenk. On May 7, 1955 she married Thomas Junior Smith in Leipsic, Ohio. Clara formerly worked at Agri-Register, Leipsic and Metal Forge, Deshler. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler. She is survived by her husband of over 56 years, Thomas Junior Smith; sister, Elvera Beckman, Ottawa, Ohio; two brothers, Carl Schmenk, Leipsic and Bernard (Ann) Schmenk, Waterville, Ohio and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard and Arthur. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler with Fr. George Wenzinger officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Deshler. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. The family suggests memorials to Oak Grove Healthcare Center or the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Such wonderful memories of Aunt Clara and Uncle Jr. Remember her taking great care of Dad and I after Mom died and making sure we ate a good meal once in awhile. All those trips across the yard to visit with her from a very young age. She was a very sweet lady and she will be missed. Uncle Jr. we love you and are so sorry we couldn't make it back to see you.* *Julie Smith Hoegg*”

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January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember many trips across our backyards when I was young to visit Aunt Clarie and Junior, reading the Sunday comics, drinking Diet Rite or Tab cola and trying to avoid getting nipped by the ever yapping Taffy. Aunt Clarie, you will be missed. Love, Randy and Marcia.* *Randy Smith*”

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January 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Mayver & Bob Hogrefe, and Family*”

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January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, My family is so very sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of visits to your house. Clara's great roast beef and mashed potatoes, the little bags of penny candy you all would have waiting for me, using the metal detector at the field across from your house, and visiting your brother with the cool piano and pool. Great memories- Clara was such a sweet lady!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pattie Tarquinto- Webster##imported-end##

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January 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Clara was always very kind and sweet to my sisters and myself. We always had so much fun being around her and Junior, we share many wonderful memories of the frequent family visits. Junior, I am sorry I could not make it back to the services to share my condolences in person.##imported-begin##Larry Smith##imported-end##

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January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Clara's death and so very sorry that I live clear across the country; but Uncle Tom, be assured of my prayers and my heart will be with you during this very tough week. All my love. Madonna##imported-begin##Madonna Schmenk Hood##imported-end##

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January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Aunt Clarie as the funny, ornery one of my father's sisters. She was kind and would let us drink coffee when we visited, which was not as often as we might have liked, but often enough to have fun and loving memories. Uncle Tom, I know you will miss her the most, and I want to tell you she will have a special place in my heart. God bless.##imported-begin##Mary Schmenk##imported-end##

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January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ In loving memory of a wonderful Aunt and Godmother. We're so thankful we had the chance to see her while in Deshler for the Holidays. Our deepest sympathy to Uncle Junior. Love, Luann, Tony, Jill & family, and Justin.##imported-begin##Luann Smith Giusiana##imported-end##

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January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My favorite memories of Aunt Clara were the mornings my mom and Aunt Clara would sit at the kitchen table drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes. I didn't like coffee (still don't) but wanted to feel apart of their friendship and I would put pepsi in my coffee cup and sit with them. Their friendship always reminded me of Lucy and Ethel.... Aunt Clara ~ you were always loved by Don and Phyl's kids... and will always hold a special place in our hearts.. Uncle Junior - my thoughts are with you... Love, Lois##imported-begin##Lois Smith##imported-end##

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January 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jr....so sorry, such a wonderful lady and a great neighbor.....will miss her alot....I know she will be welcomed in Heaven!!!imported-begin##Pam And Robert##imported-end##*

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January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM