

Carole Ann (Bay) Smith

(1943-2015)

Carole Ann Smith died on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Carole was born July 10, 1943 in Akron, Ohio to Ralph and Gladys Bay. At East High School, she enjoyed singing in choir, playing flute in band and being a majorette. She went on to graduate from Akron General Hospital School of Nursing. After a few years as a homemaker she became a single mother of two and returned to nursing to support her family. She worked as a Visiting Nurse and then with Summa Hospitals, primarily at St. Thomas, retiring after 31 years.

At work and at home she was quick to laugh, flashing her dimples, forcing a smile on even the grouchiest. She loved to celebrate holidays, especially Halloween. Her witch costumes were epic. She added to children's birthday parties by attending as her clown persona, constructing balloons and leading funny dances. When health problems required sit-down jobs, she drew gorgeous, colorful designs for pictures, bookmarks, and designs on her bread dough creations, especially crosses. Family and friends enjoyed receiving "Carole-made" gifts such as silk flower arrangements, beaded jewelry, cards, or shadow boxes.



Carole will be greatly missed by her many friends and especially her family: sister, Mary Lu Ramsey; daughters, Karen (Ross) Johnson; Kristin Cottle; grandchildren, Michael Bell (Katie Drumm), Trisha Bell (Glenn Perrin), Anthony (Rae Lee) Bell, Noah Cottle; great-grandchildren, Brianne, Owen, Izzabella, Aaliyah, and Hailey.