



Cordia Martha Smith

October 16, 1957 - December 29, 2011

Cordia Martha Smith, daughter of the late Theodore Louis Graham and Mae Oresta (Hopper) Graham Hughes, was born October 16, 1957 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Due to her father being in the military, Cordia grew up and graduated from high school in Yuba City, California.

On April 8, 1978, Cordia was united in marriage to the love of her life Terry Jan Smith in Chugiak, Alaska. They shared over 33 wonderful years together and were blessed with three children: Oresta, Christopher and Christina.

Cordia was a hard working woman and took great pride in helping to provide for them. She worked as a custodian for MWR for 11 years and was currently employed for the last 8 years at the Shell gas station in Buckhorn. She was a fantastic stay at home mom for several years.

In her spare time, Cordia enjoyed embroidery and crafts and loved to go shopping. She treasured spending time with her family at various family events and especially enjoyed her grandchildren. Cordia was known to most people as Mom or Mama.

Cordia's unconditional love and friendship will be sorely missed. She always

enjoyed and valued the relations of family, friends, customers and coworkers. Everyone felt a sense of belonging and being a better person knowing her. Her smile greeted everyone with the joy she had for life.

Cordia passed away at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011 in the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics of Columbia, Missouri, having attained the age of 54 years, 2 months and 13 days.

Cordia leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Terry Smith of the home; three children: Oresta Talbot and her husband John of Dixon, MO, Christopher Smith and his wife Desiree of Waynesville, MO and Christina White and her husband Jeremy of Crocker, MO; one brother: Kevan Graham of Alaska; one sister: Loretta Lawson of Tacoma, WA; 8 grandchildren: Roxanna, John Michael and Hannah Talbot, Lestat, Elias, and Embyr Smith and Joshua and Lillianna White; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Lilburn William Graham and sister, Cynthia Louise Graham.

Funeral services were held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2012 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Christopher Hendrix officiating. The songs "Amazing Grace" and "In the Garden" were played.

Private family burial was held in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery – Fort Leonard Wood. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Cancer Research Center and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cordia Martha Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Martha, I'm just heartbroken, my best friend, and neighbor through Jr High. I just found out about your passing this morning, while trying to reconnect with childhood friends. It's comforting to read that you lived a good life, and were cherished by many. You live on in our hearts and memories.*
Veronica (Charge) Beck

Veronica (Charge) Beck - July 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Miss you more than words can ever say.*



Tami Smith-Eastridge - January 13, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ *Cordia - I am so very very glad that we were able to contact each other after so many years have passed. I thought of you often. I missed having you nearby. I am so very sorry to hear of your passing. I only wish you could have made it back to CA to see the memorial and we could have visited. Rest in Peace my friend Fly high with the angels and we will meet again. God Bless##imported-begin##Donna Rohm##imported-end##*

January 05, 2012 at 05:43 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Only time heals all wounds. Believe me I say this I am currently going thru the same kind of loss with losing my husband. I have lost my father and a brother to cancer and there is no making sense of who get's it and who lives or dies. Please know I am truly sorry and praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Tonya Ellzey##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 10:57 AM



“ Our hearts are weeping over the lost of our dear friend. Cordia you and I had become friends over the years of working together that turned into a love of family. You always thought of and loved my kids like they were your own as I love and think of yours as mine and I will always love them and be there for them. The earth has lost a wonderful person. The heavens have gain a wonderful angel. I will miss you dearly till we meet again my friend.##imported-begin##Fred & Patsy Hayward##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 02:28 PM



“ Our prayers are with the family Cordia will truly be missed##imported-begin##Sam & Shelley Hayward##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 02:03 PM



“ Cord, you were a great friend and loved very dearly by myself and my family. You will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Sunshine Reyes##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ We would always let each other know if it was a good day or a bad day. I enjoyed her sense of humor and she was a great friend. I will miss her greatly. I pray for her family to be able to continue her legacy in spite of her loss.##imported-begin##Shonda Harland##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 08:36 AM



“ Chris & Family~ I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing... Try to find strength through each other, and God, at this difficult time..
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For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son~  
That whosoever shall believeth in Him, shall not perish~~ But have  
Eternal Life~~ John 3:16##imported-begin##Margaret De Vido##imported-end##

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December 30, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ Oresta, Chris, and Christina.... I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mom always treated me as one of her own and I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Misty Hendrix##imported-end##

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December 30, 2011 at 01:45 PM