

Janiece Leigh Smith was born on October 17, 1959, in Rantoul, Illinois to Loyd and Shirley Golmon. Leigh graduated in 1977, from Oak Ridge High School in Florida. In 1980, Leigh married Tom Smith and the couple was blessed with two daughters. She attended Palm Beach Junior College as a Public Service Dispatcher. Leigh worked as a dispatcher for the Broward County Sheriff's Office in Florida. After the couple divorced in 1997, Leigh moved to Alexandria, MN. Leigh worked for New Beginnings as a caregiver for 7 years.

Leigh enjoyed shopping, especially at the Dollar Store, crocheting baby blankets, playing bingo and having Thursday girlfriend time with her two best friends, Trudy and Donna. Leigh had a passion for baking cookies and delivering them to doctors and clinics. She enjoyed watching and reading Stephen King and Tyler Perry novels. She always wanted to go to Maine to meet Stephen King. Leigh and her mom, Shirley loved to talk on the phone for hours and watch survivor on TV and would discuss what was happening live on the phone. Most importantly, she loved her time with her daughters and grandchildren. She felt very blessed to get to live across the street from her daughter and to be close to family. Leigh will be remembered as a very kindhearted person that would do anything for anyone.

Leigh died on Monday, March 11, 2019, at her home in Garfield at the age of 59. She is survived by two daughters, Shawna Schmitz of Maple Grove, Serena (Tim) Gustafson of Garfield; grandchildren, Seth Schmitz, and Pearl Gustafson; mother, Shirley Williams of Florida; brother, Christopher Williams of Florida; sister, Amber Moxley of Florida; and special friends, Brian (Carrie) Schmitz and their daughter Addison. Leigh is preceded in death by her father, Loyd Golmon; brother, Corey Golman; and step-father, James Williams.

*God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...*

In Memory of

Leigh J. Smith

October 17, 1959 † March 11, 2019

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

1:00 PM

Officiant

Reverend Sarah Berglund

Music

*Broken Wing—Martina McBride
I Don't Wanna Cry—Mariah Carey
Seminole Wind—John Anderson*

Honorary Urn Bearers

Leigh's Grandchildren
Seth Schmitz Pearl Gustafson
Addison Schmitz