



Michele M. (Schramm) Smith

September 23, 1947 - January 14, 2026

Michele M. (Schramm) Smith, 78, of Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2026. She was born on September 23, 1947.

Michele was preceded in death by her beloved mother, June Ann Benner, and her devoted husband of 52 years, Richard L. Smith, whose love and partnership shaped her life with unwavering grace.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Kimberly Lauch and Jacqueline (James) Purtee; and her cherished grandchildren, Blake (Paiton) and Brooke Lauch, David and Jacob Purtee. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Tom (Michelle) Smith; and her nieces, Erica (Tony) Dworznik and Sarah (Derek) Yundt.

Michele was a proud graduate of Notre Dame Academy, class of 1965, and The University of Toledo, earning a Bachelor's degree in Data Processing. She was a lifelong member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she built friendships that lasted a lifetime.

Alongside her husband Richard, Michele dedicated countless hours to mentoring and coaching girls basketball and volleyball at St. Catherine's Grade School, touching many young lives with encouragement, patience, and quiet strength.

Professionally, Michele served the Toledo Public Schools community as a school secretary at Oakdale Elementary, where she was known for her kindness, organization, and warm smile that welcomed students and staff alike.

Michele's heart was rooted in love and generosity. She found joy in simple pleasures like garage sales, flea markets, and tending to her garden. She was loving, caring, thoughtful, and deeply devoted to her family. Her presence brought comfort, laughter, and steady reassurance to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

The family extends special thanks to the compassionate staff at Mercy St. Charles Hospital and Regency Hospital for the exceptional care they provided.

A Celebration of Life for Michele will be planned at a later date.