



Laura Lee Smith (nee Gribble)

December 5, 2022

1937 – 2022

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of our beloved Laura at the age of 85 on Monday, December 5th, 2022 in Toronto after a brief illness. Daughter of George Gribble and Laura Trist of Sudbury, Ontario (Predeceased). Loving wife of Christopher Joseph Smith (Predeceased). Devoted mother to Valerie Scannura (nee Smith), Thomas Smith and Kevin Smith. Exceptionally loving grandmother to Anjelica Scannura, Keith Smith and Kerlyn Smith and mother in law to Roger Scannura and Lynn Smith. She is survived by her sister Valerie Muller (nee Gribble). Predeceased by her brother Thomas Gribble and Betty Pendleton (nee Gribble). Laura was born in Sudbury, Ontario and had was inspired to become a nurse which she fulfilled by graduating from the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in 1957. Before she began her official nursing career she spent a carefree time in Portugal and she had fond memories of that trip before returning to Sudbury to start her work as a Nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital. She eventually established herself in her nursing career at the Sudbury Memorial Hospital and was hand-picked to train in the new Cardio Pulmonary Unit established at the hospital in the 1970's. She excelled at her job and met many lifelong friends before retiring and moving to Toronto to be closer to her children. She subsequently spent 25 yrs. in Toronto where she enjoyed travelling with her granddaughter Anjelica overseas to Ireland, England and Scotland on many dancing trips. She loved

family summer vacations in Port Elgin which gave us many happy memories. Her gregarious nature continued to lead her to enjoy watching various dance and comedy shows in Toronto, sewing costumes for her daughter's dance company and lunching in the finest Toronto restaurants. Her playful personality eventually led her onto the stage with a stand- up comedy appearance! She was game for anything and was not one to shy away from an exciting venture while at the same time being the heart of the Smith and Scannura family. Her wit and dry humor endured to the end even though these past few years have seen her tirelessly take care of her husband Chris and the entire family. There is no doubt that we all will miss her dearly. There is no official gathering but memorial contributions can be made to the Toronto Grace Health Centre, www.torontograce.org 650 Church St., Toronto, ON M4Y 2G5 416 925-2251

Tribute Wall

SU

“ *susie lit a candle in memory of Laura Smith
(nee Gribble)*



susie - December 30, 2022 at 12:18 AM

NC

“ *Laura was my mom’s dear friend for many years. As kids we were often treated to visits with the Smith family. There was always much laughter and fun. Recently Laura sent me a picture of my parents I’d never seen and messaged me with some stories that were hilarious and others that were downright fascinating. She was a great lady— one of a kind.* ❤️

Norah Caldwell - December 18, 2022 at 04:58 AM

RS

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Roger Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:46 AM

RS

“ Roger Scannura lit a candle in memory of
Laura Smith (nee Gribble)



Roger Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:43 AM

VS

“ Valerie Scannura lit a candle in memory of
Laura Smith (nee Gribble)



Valerie Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:42 AM

CC

“ I feel honoured to have met Laura and made friends with her after she found me on ancestry. What a lovely woman and so generous with her memories and filling in the blanks ancestry left behind. Laura seemed like so much fun. I wish time distance and Covid prevented me from seeing more of her. God Bless you Laura and your family.

carol Chantler. Paul Chantler - December 10, 2022 at 05:22 PM

VS

Thanks so much Carol for this lovely tribute message.

Valerie Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:38 AM

TS

DEAR VALERIE, TOM, KEVIN AND FAMILIES.
ON THIS THE SADDEST OF DAYS, 5th, PLEASE KNOW. THAT OUR PRAYERS, OUR SORROW AND OUR LOVE, WILL BE WITH YOU NOW AND FOREVER. YOUR FAMILIES CAN ALL TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT YOUR MOM AND DAD, AFTER A SHORT SEPARATION, ARE NOW TOGETHER. THIS TIME FOREVER. UNTILL, WE MEET AGAIN MAY THE LORD BLESS, AND HOLD YOU IN THE HOLLOW OF HIS HAND.
UNCLE TOMMY, CAROL/JOHN, JUNE/ DAN.
WARWICH PA.

TOM SMITH - December 12, 2022 at 11:17 AM

LA

“ Laura was one of my mum (Mary Palmer's) best friends. They nursed together for years in Sudbury. I can't tell you how many stories I've heard down the years of the fun they had together. Tough work, but they managed to have the best of times. So grateful for Laura's friendship with my mum. Peace & love Mary Palmer & family.

Laura - December 10, 2022 at 04:08 PM

VS

Thanks so much Laura. They did have great times together! My mom loved your mom!

Valerie Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:35 AM

RS

Best mother in law in the world. Kind. Supportive. Funny. Rest in peace grandma. 🥹❤️

Roger Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:48 AM

TS

Many great memories. Thank you all.

Thomas Smith - December 11, 2022 at 07:58 PM



Edie Keeley I worked lots shift work with Laura At SMH I am in shock to read of her death. She had wonder full sense of Humour .Used to tell lots of Jokes on Night shift when we couldent Laugh out loud. Oh Laura will really miss your comments on Facebook. So soon after Chris Im broken hearted to think I wont see her again.

Edie Keeley - December 17, 2022 at 08:07 PM



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Valerie Scannura - December 10, 2022 at 01:12 PM

VS

Mom's favourite restaurant, Scaccia.

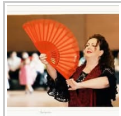
Valerie Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:39 AM



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Valerie Scannura - December 10, 2022 at 01:10 PM



Mom's favourite restaurant, Scaccia!

Valerie Scannura - December 11, 2022 at 10:51 AM



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Valerie Scannura - December 10, 2022 at 01:09 PM

KS

What a lovely picture of my dad's brother and Laura. I have great memories of the stories my dad told me about his brother Chris. I only met Laura once and she gave me a big hug. Our condolences to your family. Ken and Erika Spain.

Ken Smith - December 12, 2022 at 05:54 AM

VM

I love this photo.what a good lookin couple.

Valerie muller - December 16, 2022 at 05:08 PM



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Valerie Scannura - December 10, 2022 at 01:09 PM