



Cynthia Ann Smaha

September 8, 1965 - November 28, 2025

Cynthia Ann Smaha, 60, of Rockford went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 28, 2025. Born on September 8, 1965 in Tiskilwa, Illinois. Daughter of Cletus and Thetis (Mayo) Sims. Cindy graduated from Tiskilwa High School, Class of 1984. Cindy was united in marriage to Randy Smaha on April 25, 2014. She was a highly skilled and detail oriented Administrative Assistant, she began her career at St. Mark Lutheran Church. She later worked at Heartland Community Church (Forest City), where she also served as the Wedding and Funeral Coordinator. She was most recently employed at Rock Valley College where she worked as an Administrative Assistant and later accepted a role as Student Placement Coordinator. She loved helping the students achieve their educational goals and assisting with placement in various internships. While employed at Rock Valley College, Cindy completed her associate's degree in 2019. Cindy had a great love for people. She always had a smile on her face and approached each day with a joyful spirit. She was loved by her colleagues throughout her career and so many appreciated for her positive outlook. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, she truly lived out her Christian faith and values each day, striving to make people feel included, accepted and loved. Cindy attended Alcoholics Anonymous and Overeaters Anonymous; and was active in the Celebrate Recovery Program, along with other recovery programs and loved helping people. Her life experience and heart for helping others was treasured. She volunteered at the Rockford Rescue Mission and enjoyed visiting the

Winnebago County Jail to pray and share scripture. Cindy was one of those women who always looked flawlessly put together, complimenting her fashion sense with the perfect makeup, nail polish and accessories. She loved to shop and could find the most amazing deals. Cindy started a YouTube Channel called, "Living Your Best Life" where she shared her faith and other words of wisdom. Survived by her husband, Randy Smaha; step-children, Marc (Laken) Smaha, Steven (Peyton) Smaha; step-grandchildren, Rory, Liz, Elliot; siblings, Dennis Sims, Jeffrey Sims, Melissa Sims, Josie (Joe) Rietz; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; mother-in-law, Marilyn Smaha; brother-in-law, Dan (Joan) Smaha, beloved Beagle, Daisy; and a circle of treasured friends. Preceded in death by her parents; brother, Michael Sims and father-in-law, Tom Smaha. Visitation on Friday, December 5, 2025 from 11 am to 1 pm, followed by a Celebration of Cindy's life at 1 pm at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Pastor Leonard Davis will officiate. Cindy requested that memorials be made in her memory in lieu of flowers to Forest City Church, reflecting her belief that we should help those in need. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Cynthia Ann Smaha



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - December 05, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DC

“ To Cynthia's family and friends, I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you can take comfort in happy memories of your time with Cynthia and the knowledge that you now have a beautiful advocate in Heaven.

Deborah Downey Clark - December 03, 2025 at 09:00 AM

LP

“ My deepest sympathy to her family! So very sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers 🙏
Liz Fisher Piacenti

Liz Piacenti - December 03, 2025 at 01:28 AM

MA

“ Cynthia was such a big help to the RAISE program at Rock Valley College. Her interactions with the neurodiverse and disabled students left them feeling like they truly belonged at RVC. My deepest sympathies to her loved ones.

MaryAnne Ax - December 02, 2025 at 08:30 PM

PA

“ Cynthia was a woman with a beautiful soul,
there is a trail of beautiful memories that she
leaves behind for everyone that knew her.
Rest in peace Cindy Lou.
Paula and Mike Arbisi



Paula - December 02, 2025 at 05:39 PM