



## Tara M. Smalls

June 28, 1973 - April 27, 2023

Mrs. Tara Marie Smalls, 49, of Port Huron gained her wings on Thursday, April 27, 2023 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on June 28, 1973 in Port Huron to Jacqueline Russell and the late Clarence Parhum. She married Jamel Smalls on July 21, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tara attended schools in the Port Huron School District and graduated from Port Huron High School with the Class of 1991. She attended Michigan State University and St. Clair County Community College where she earned her Nursing Degree. Tara worked as an LPN at the Shorepointe Nursing Center in St. Clair Shores up until the onset of her illness.

She is survived by her husband; Jamel Smalls, son; Justin Smalls, mother; Jacqueline Russell of Port Huron, brother; John (Joi) Russell of Port Huron, sisters; Cheryl Young of Port Huron and LaTonya Burdis of Detroit, special cousins; Ebony Green and Amber Lauderdale of Atlanta, GA, aunts; Beverly Knapp of Jeddo and Lucky Morgan of Southfield, uncles; John Russell of Ypsilanti and Shelby Lauderdale of New Orleans, mother-in-law and father-in-law; Debra and Charles Anderson of Detroit, brother in laws; Corey Mellon and Brandon Anderson of Detroit, nephews and nieces; Tatiyana, John, Jalen, and Jonah Young, Germony Burrell, Alivia, Jordan, John and Jaden Russell and LaCarrol Burdis; godson, Eric Williams and a host of cousins, friends and special friends, Twila and Dionne Morgan, Clarice Johnson Williams, Madeline Harvey, Keisha Cathy, LaShawn Hill, Taleeia Mitchell, Joy Diggins, Paula

Manns and Darren Russell.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 12:00pm at the Restoration Christian Community Church, 3201 Gratiot Avenue, Port Huron.

Pastor Carl E. Miller Sr. will officiate.

Burial will be in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron. To send condolences and messages of sympathy visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lakeside Cemetery

10th Ave.  
Port Huron, MI 48060

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Restoration Christian Community Church  
3201 Gratiot Avenue  
Port Huron, MI 48060

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Region One - June 01, 2023 at 07:41 PM

YO

“ Sending love and prayers to the Smalls family. You all are in my prayers. Your wife was a lovely young lady. 🙏💕

Yolanda - May 18, 2023 at 02:29 PM

RS

“ Rene and Sheila purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Tara M. Smalls.



Rene and Sheila - May 12, 2023 at 03:43 PM

DF

“ Debora, Latanya and Burdis and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Tara M. Smalls.



Debora, Latanya and Burdis and Family - May 11, 2023 at 10:24 PM

AT

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family. Praying that God will give you all the strength and peace you need to get through. May God continue to be with and watch over your family.  
Autumn Taylor



Autumn Taylor - May 11, 2023 at 11:42 AM

RM

“ Our prayers and condolences are with the entire family. My dear, sweet, beloved Niece in Love Tara I will surely miss you! Love, Auntie Reba and the McCloud Family. ❤️❤️❤️

Reba McCloud - May 06, 2023 at 05:02 PM

LC

“ Tara is wife to my nephew Jamel and mother to their genius son Justin. She is a ray of sunshine from the first time I met her and that smile of hers grabbed at my heart every time ❤️ I pray that God continue to bless protect heal have mercy and Grace on All Tara's family always and forever Amen 🙏 and now her spirit has rejoined our Father in heaven eternally 😊

Lois Cobb - May 06, 2023 at 02:06 PM

RM

Our prayers and condolences are with the family. My dear, sweet, beloved Niece in Love Tara I will surely miss you! With Love, Auntie Reba and the McCloud family ❤️❤️

Reba McCloud - May 06, 2023 at 04:53 PM

JS

*To the Small'sfamily I pray God's comfort for you. It was a joy to work with Tara at the T J maxx store. She always had a great smile and she always had a necklace that was out of sight! She was a great worker and I will always remember that smile.*

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**Josie Sea** - May 20, 2023 at 12:12 AM