



Acknowledgements

*Thank you for your prayers and support during our time of loss.
It has meant so much to our family.*

Arrangements Entrusted to:
Nabors Family Funeral Home
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and Receive Greater.*



LEANA *JUDITH*
SMITH

FEBRUARY 25, 1971 - MARCH 25, 2026

LIFE REFLECTIONS

Leana was born February the 25th, 1971 in Chicago, Illinois, the beloved child of Wanda and Gregory Smith, their firstborn.

From an early age, Leana was known for a kind spirit, a strong sense of responsibility, and a deep love for her family and friends. She shared love for all. These qualities remained constant throughout her life, rooted in her belief and service and quiet strength.

Leana was a dedicated service provider and took pride in showing up for others in a meaningful way, whether through work, volunteer effort, or simple act of kindness. She believed in doing what's right and often support without expectation. Above all, Leana treasured time spent with family and close friends. She found joy in everyday moments, sharing dinner parties, holidays, birthdays, just about anything that brought family and friends together. These memories became the foundation of cherished moments that will always be held close for years to come.

Leana completed her studies and earned an Associate in Applied Science degree. She worked in the medical field for more than 20 years, earning numerous diplomas, certifications, and awards in recognition of her dedication and achievements.

Leana was preceded in death by her brother, Johnnie Smith and her soul mate Daniel Sr.

Leana is survived by her daughter, Deanna, her son, Daniel, and four extended daughters, the siblings of Deanna and Daniel; Natasjia, Na'Shaya, Aveon, and Tiara. She is also survived by nine grandchildren: Derrion, Marissa, Da'Marcus, Keyon, De'Sare, Keenan, Pr'Ynce, Ro'Yale, and Q'ueen, along with five extended grandchildren; Genesis, Giovonni, Germany, I'Yon, and Aviontae. Her loving parents; Gregory Neal Sr., and Wanda Jean. Two brothers; Gregory Neal Jr., Nemon Lamar; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, cousins, uncles and friends. Leana was also a loving mother, grandmother and sister to many, extending her care and compassion to all who knew her.

TRIBUTES

Hey Ma, my twin, my best friend. I'm lost for words. I keep hearing you telling me, "Take care of yourself and those grandbabies." I wake up expecting you to be here, but you're not, and it breaks me. I know you're with Daddy (Pook), and he welcomed you with open arms — "There go my Lana." Please keep watching over me and your grandbabies. Love you forever, Ma.

Dee Dee (and the grandkids... and I'm not done having kids.) (LOL)

Hey first lady, I don't know where to start. It doesn't feel real—we were just talking. I hate that I wasn't there for you like you always were for me and everyone else. You'll always be my wonderful woman; no one can take that from me. You mean the world to me, and we'll always carry you with us. Rest peacefully, Mom. I'll keep doing things the way you taught me.

Love, your son Mikey

Hey Nana, you'll always be loved and never forgotten. You were the best grandma, and we'll make you proud. Watch over us, Nana we love you always.

Love your Grandchildren and Extended Grandchildren.

Lee, Our dear daughter, you're a part of us no matter how near or far. Through laughter and tears, our bond stays unbroken. We love and miss you deeply. Watching you grow into the amazing woman that you became. Thank you for every special moment.

Love, Ma and Daddy

Leana, my only sister and first best friend. Since childhood, I called her Judy—partly to tease, but mostly because it was my special name for her. Judy had a kind heart and devoted her life to caring for others. Judy always showed up, listened, and gave without expecting anything in return. I often told her to slow down, but her generous spirit never could. Nursing was her true calling; she lived to help and heal. God used her to touch countless lives in a beautiful, lasting way.

Judy, I will love you forever. Thank you for being the best sister anyone could ask for.

Loving you always, Greg

If tears could build a stairway, we'd climb to heaven and bring you back. You left too soon, and our hearts still ache. We'll remember your joy and keep you in our hearts forever.

Love you always, big sister Nemon.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Visitation: 10AM

Funeral: 11AM

Nabors' Family Fuenral Home

470 W. 172nd St.

Thornton, IL 60476

Facilitator Melody Williams

Processional

Prayer

Scripture

Shirley Smith-Reynolds (Poem)

Reading of obituary

Briana, Nem and Lashaunta

Expressions (2 minutes)

Chaplin Pastor Diane Smith (Eulogy)

Final Review

Recessional

Repast

Martha's Venue

17135 Canal St.

South Holland, IL

Interment

Restvale Cemetery

11700 S Laramie Ave, Alsip, IL 60803