

Smith, Valerie

Valerie S. Smith, 36, of Northville, died Nov. 8, 2002. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 15, 1965, the daughter of Mark and Brunelda Thompson of Kalamazoo. Valerie was a graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School and graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1987. She did research for her senior individualized project at Duke University Primate Center in Durham, N.C., studying lemur behavior. She attended the First United Methodist Church of Northville, and worked as a senior systems analyst for Kitchen Suppliers, Inc. of Brighton. She is survived by her husband, Todd Smith of Northville; her four year old son, Jordan; sister, Shannon Baker of Kalamazoo; brother, Gregory Thompson of Salem, Ind.; parents-in-law, Sidney and Kay Smith of Pigeon; brothers-in-law, Dean Smith and his wife, Nancy, Scott Smith and his wife, Nancy, Jeff Smith and his wife, Sandy, Bob West and his wife, Mary Kay. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 West Dunlap Street in Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to The Duke University Primate Center, 3705 Erwin Road, Durham, N.C. 27705. Checks should designate "In memory of Valerie Thompson Smith."