



Gary Dale Smith

September 17, 1952 - January 24, 2025

Gary D. "Moose" Smith, born the youngest of Ernest Smith and Grace (Timmons) Smith on September 17, 1952 in Centralia, Illinois passed away January 24, 2025 surrounded by family.

He married Mary Ruth Dillinger on February 4, 1975. They had one son, Steve.

Gary worked for his brothers until he started his own concrete and basement company. He loved living out in the country where you would often see him riding his lawn mower or out on his tractor. He had a great sarcastic humor, was a homebody, loved to sit and watch his favorite shows on TV and loved his family deeply.

Gary is survived by wife, Mary Smith; son Steve Smith; granddaughters, Stacy (Andrew) Wheeler and Amanda Davis; grandson, Andrew Davis; great granddaughters, Amber Wheeler "Girl with the curls" and Topanga "Lulu" Wheeler; great-grandson, Alistair "Guns" Sullivan; brothers, Jack (Barb) Smith and Don Smith; sister, Bea "Sis" (Gene) Owens; brother-in-law Tom (June Ann) Dillinger and a sister-in-laws Shirley Smith and Sandy Smith. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Grace Smith; brothers Jim Smith and Richard "Dick" Smith and In-laws, Connie and Kermit Stinde.

Per Gary's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and no public service will be held. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital and may be sent to the funeral home at 235 N Sycamore St. Centralia, Illinois 62801. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook page who are honored to be of service to Gary's family. They wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported them during this difficult time.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ Sending love and condolences to Moose’s family. Rest in peace.

Michael & Missy Meyer

Michael ans Missy Meyer - February 01, 2025 at 10:37 AM

M&

“ Michael &. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Dale Smith.

Michael &. - February 01, 2025 at 10:35 AM

KS

“ Gary made a difference in so many lives. We are grateful and proud to call him our friend. Many shared memories created as he was a talented member of the undefeated '69 football team, Betty Lee's softball team, and the "No Blood No Foul" basketball games on Apple Street. May all of your wonderful memories comfort you during this heartbreaking time.

Ken & Connie Smudrick

Ken & Connie Smudrick - January 30, 2025 at 04:36 PM

MM

“ To the family of Gary/Moose; thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Moose was a good, hardworking guy coming from good stock. They don’t make them like him anymore..

michael marcum - January 29, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MM

“ *Michael Marcum lit a candle in memory of Gary Dale Smith*



michael marcum - January 29, 2025 at 07:21 AM

BM

“ *Sorry to hear about Gary my prayers are with you and your family love you*

Brenda myers - January 28, 2025 at 08:42 PM

SA

“ *So sorry to hear this Mary and Steve. He was much more than a friend to me and our family. Prayers from the Altom's*

Steve Altom - January 28, 2025 at 07:33 AM



“ *The Wethington families send their condolences to Mary and Steve. Gary was the best friend and neighbor. He will be missed by all!*



Debbie Wethington - January 27, 2025 at 09:12 PM

MS

“ *Marlena Stilwell lit a candle in memory of Gary Dale Smith*



Marlena Stilwell - January 27, 2025 at 08:39 PM

CO

“ *What a great person he was!!! I am so grateful he was my Uncle! Cindie Smith Orr*

Cindie Smith Orr - January 27, 2025 at 07:22 PM

VH

“ *Sending prayers for/with family and friends!*

Vickie & Wayne Houser - January 27, 2025 at 07:18 PM

JM

“ *Sorry to hear of this news, he was a great football player and good man!*

john mckinney - January 27, 2025 at 07:07 PM

DD

“ *Moose was a great guy. He will be missed. Rip until we meet again on the other side.*

David Durall - January 27, 2025 at 06:05 PM

LN

“ *Laura Nollman lit a candle in memory of Gary Dale Smith*



Laura Nollman - January 27, 2025 at 05:28 PM

LN

“ *Mary and Steve, I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary was a great guy. You're both in our thoughts and prayers.* 🙏🥲🙏

Laura Nollman - January 27, 2025 at 05:27 PM