



Howard Mike Smith

August 8, 1952 - January 20, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Howard "Mike" Smith, a beloved resident of Centralia, Illinois, who left us on Monday, January 20th, 2025, at the age of 72. Born in Centralia on Friday, August 8th, 1952, Mike lived a life filled with love, laughter, and dedication to his family, and friends.

A lifelong resident of Centralia, Mike was a devoted companion to Cathy Russell of Centralia. He is survived by his cherished children: Amy Smith, Melissa Russell and significant other Bradley Murray, Sarah McElroy and husband Anthony all of Centralia, Amanda Pate and husband Brandon of Kentucky, Ashley Applegate and husband Kris of Centralia and Ryan Russell also of Centralia. His legacy continues with his brothers, William and Robert Smith and sisters, Vickie Campbell, Sharon Martin, and Lola Smith all of Centralia. Grandchildren Mackenzie, Riley, Lucas, Ava, Ryder, Audrey, Tessa, Madalynn, Ari, Brantley, Bentlee, Wyatt, Maesyn, Lincoln, Kamryn, Knoxley, and Blayre will fondly remember their grandfather's love and guidance. Also surviving is several nieces and nephews.

Mike's life was also blessed with his dear friend Mike Berning of Walnut Hill. Though predeceased by his parents, Howard Smith and Delores Wilkey, brothers David and Rickey Smith, sister Linda Rider, cousin Terry Marshall, and special friends Raymond "Snake" Berning and Denny, their memories

remained deeply embedded in his heart.

Mike proudly served in Vietnam in the Army and Navy, and later dedicated his career to his work at AC Man and Swan Corporation, where he was a well-respected factory worker. In his leisure, he found joy in riding his Harley, golfing, and participating in washer tournaments. Above all, Mike enjoyed spending time drinking beer and listening to music with his family and treasured friends, who were the light of his life.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects and celebrate Mike's life at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. A visitation will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Funeral Home. His family encourages those who knew Howard to come and share in his memory. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Mike's family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

May he rest in peace, forever riding on the highways of heaven.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 27, 2025 at 05:02 PM

SS

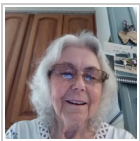
May you rest in piece.

Susan Smith - January 28, 2025 at 06:19 PM

KM

Beautiful video & wonderful tribute rip uncle mike give momma,dad,& grandma duckie love for me

Katrina moss - January 30, 2025 at 02:06 AM



“ *Brother I love you and you will be missed by many say hi to mama and all the best for me miss you. 💕*

Sharon Martin - January 27, 2025 at 04:08 PM

SM

“ Sharon L Martin lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith



Sharon L Martin - January 27, 2025 at 04:03 PM

LI

“ Liz lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith



Liz - January 26, 2025 at 01:45 AM

CA

“ Cathy lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith



Cathy - January 25, 2025 at 12:31 PM

AA

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ashley applegate - January 25, 2025 at 08:21 AM

SG

“ *Susie Golbricht lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Susie Golbricht - January 25, 2025 at 12:21 AM

DD

“ *Mike was a life long friend. We have known each other since grade school. Rip bro until we meet again on the other side*

David Durall - January 24, 2025 at 04:08 PM

AJ



Amy Jo - January 24, 2025 at 10:30 PM

SS

“ *Susan Smith lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Susan Smith - January 24, 2025 at 04:04 PM

AP

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Amanda Pate - January 24, 2025 at 03:44 PM

JM

“ Jenny Mulvaney lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith



Jenny Mulvaney - January 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

AH

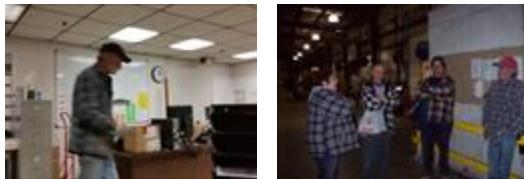
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Amber Hodge - January 24, 2025 at 01:08 PM

JM

“ Work photos



Jill Mustread - January 24, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MR

Thank you for sharing these!

melissa russell - January 24, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JM

Your welcome.

Jill Mustread - January 24, 2025 at 04:28 PM

SJ

“ *Samantha Jones lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Samantha Jones - January 24, 2025 at 12:18 PM

MW

“ *Megan Walton and Team Walton purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Howard Mike Smith.*



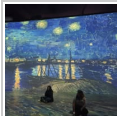
Megan Walton and Team Walton - January 24, 2025 at 11:56 AM



“ *Jessica Altenbaumer lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Jessica Altenbaumer - January 24, 2025 at 11:47 AM



Mike will be deeply missed, and I am grateful to have known him and call him uncle. I am so sorry for his passing.

Jessica Altenbaumer - January 24, 2025 at 11:48 AM

AJ

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Amy Jo - January 24, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ *Brett Marshall lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



Brett Marshall - January 24, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ *Melissa Russell lit a candle in memory of Howard Mike Smith*



melissa russell - January 24, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SM

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sarah mcelroy - January 24, 2025 at 10:47 AM