



James A Smith

November 21, 1942 - November 29, 2020

James A. "Jim" Smith, 78, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020 at SSM Health St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, Missouri.

Jim was born November 21, 1942 in Centralia, the son of Nolan Smith and Helen (Williams) Smith. He married Rosalie Gale Hellmyer on February 22, 1979 and she preceded him in death on June 30, 2019.

He is survived by seven children: J.T. Smith and wife Amanda of Centralia, Tina Smith of Kalona, Iowa, Lisa Smith and Scott Hanson of San Diego, California, Cheryl Smith McNalley and husband Scott of Carterville, Illinois, Tammy Goss and husband Jim of Iowa City, Iowa, Anthony L. Vest and wife Penny of Centralia, and Mark Vest of Centralia; 18 grandchildren: B.J. Smith, Macie Smith, Jerzi Smith, Jaile Smith, Braydin Smith, Payton Smith, Reagan Smith, Michael Swickard, Mark Swickard, Kendall Smith, Kelsey Slay, Taylor Albright, Jimmy Goss, Mackenzie Goss, Brandon Cook and wife Tiphani, Dylan Cook, Laci Vest and Mark Vest, Jr.; 14 great-grandchildren; brother: Ron Smith and wife Patricia of Centralia; and nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents: Nolan and Helen Smith; wife: Rosalie Gale Smith; two brothers: Gary and Bob Smith; a nephew: Brian Smith.

Jim and his wife Rosalie owned and operated Jim Smith Tank Service and Jim Smith Lawn Service for many years. He enjoyed collecting antiques and hunting. He was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia. Jim will be remembered as a father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle with a heart bigger than the world.

A Private Family Funeral Service for James "Jim" Smith will be held at a later date with Entombment in the Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum in Centralia. In honor of Jim, memorial donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Smith Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook Page.

Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - December 03, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *You were a great "father n law", boss and friend to me....I'm grateful I got to be family with you and Rose and will forever keep you in my heart.... You made the best fudge in the world too!*
Always, Tammy

Tammy Martin - December 07, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers go out to the family. In loving memory from the family of John Ashby and Paula Simcox.*

Deb Ruiz - December 02, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Rick Karnes purchased the Cheeseboard Compl ete for the family of James A Smith.*



Rick Karnes - December 01, 2020 at 02:25 PM

GQ

“ I was just beginning in the business world when I met Jim. I learned so much about life, friendship and business from him. He truly formed a big part of my life. Although not as close in the past couple of years, we still talked and texted. He was a true friend and mentor, and I am proud to have been a part of his life. Greg Queen

Greg Queen - December 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM

RH

Known Jim for quite a long time. He's always been a good man. Always enjoyed talking to Jim. He will be missed by family friends and fellow Coonhunter's. Had spent some time with him recently when he purchased his last hound. Was a pleasure to know him. RIP friend.

Randy Howard - December 01, 2020 at 07:23 PM

BF

My mom Ruth Smith uncle Jim's sister inlaw wanted me to post that she is sorry for the loss of your dad and she will be praying for y'all I love you uncle Jim and will miss you but thank you for so many good memories!

Bonnie fuwell - December 02, 2020 at 11:04 AM

LW

I am sorry for the heartbreak you are experiencing with the passing of Jim. I remember when Jim lived in Avondale AZ, on the corner of Dysart and Van Buren and the twins were quite young. Jim had recently reached out to quite a few of his cousins, my Dad, Bob Williams was one. I spoke with him quite a bit after my daddy passed away, listening to all the story's he shared of good times with cousins. Family means so much. I pray that you will be comforted by Jesus, and the love and friendship of family and friends in the many days and months ahead. Love, LaDnna Williams.

LaDonna Williams - December 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM