



Larry Smith

November 23, 1937 - January 16, 2023

Larry Smith, 85, of Walnut Hill, passed away Monday, January 16, 2023 at his home.

He was born November 23, 1937 in Edinburgh, Illinois, the son of Victor A. Smith and Ada M. (Hanna) Smith. He married Mary Ellen Roper on June 6, 1959 and she survives in Walnut Hill.

In addition to his wife of 63 years, Mary Ellen Smith of Walnut Hill, Larry is also survived by his son: Randy Smith and wife Debbie of Bonnie; daughter: Marla Hood and husband Tim of Carmel, Indiana; daughter-in-law: Tamera Hogan and husband Gerry of Kimberling City, Missouri; eight grandchildren: Randa Rowland and husband Chris of Bonnie, Ashley Parle and husband Steve of St. Louis, Missouri, Andy Hogan of Richmond Heights, Missouri, Joely McMeen and husband Mason of Salem, Roger Hood of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, Frances Hood of Louisville, Kentucky, Delani Hood of Carmel, Indiana, and Liam Hood of Carmel, Indiana; four great-grandchildren: Shaylen, Kinley, Wyatt and Roper; brother: Gene Smith and wife Susie of Centralia; two sisters: Fran Garrison and Lloyd Wert of Centralia and Pat Gordon and husband Darrel of Walnut Hill; 2 brothers-in-law: Richard "Dick" Jones of Centralia and Bill Tockstein of Centralia; two sisters-in-law: Helen Smith of Maryville and Donna Dosier of Belleville; several nieces and nephews; and devoted friend and neighbor: Frank Hughes of Walnut Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents: Victor and Ada Smith, son: Roger Smith, granddaughter: Chanda Smith, two brothers: Ron Smith and Don

Smith, two sisters: Judy Jones and Nancy Tockstein, three nephews: Brad Gordon, Eric Garrison and Greg Smith, and a niece: Dana West.

Larry worked for the Centralia Fire Department for 31 years, with 9 years of those years serving as Fire Chief. He was happy to enjoy retirement longer than his career.

Larry was a member of the Foundation Church in Centralia. He also enjoyed working with the Craftsmen's for Christ, going to volunteer at the Oakdale Christian Academy in Kentucky, and attending the Cowden Family Camp. Ringing the bells and visiting with everyone at Christmas time for the Salvation Army was one of his favorite things.

Larry loved camping and traveling with his family. He cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 20, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and also on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Funeral Services for Larry Smith will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Jeremy Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SSM Hospice or Oakdale Christian Academy and will be accepted at 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 and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

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Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM.

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Tribute Wall



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

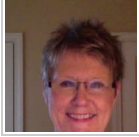


Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 20, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *I spent many years with Larry, Mary and their kids growing up. I'm sorry I was not able to get to the visitation, but wanted to share that Larry meant a lot to me growing up-he also bought my first filly-Shasta and seemed to have a lot of fun times with her. You guys are in my thoughts. Beth Ann McFarland*

BETH MCFARLAND - January 23, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *To Mary Ellen and Family: Please accept our condolences and know that we will be praying for you. We loved Larry and are so thankful for our time with him and Mary Ellen when living in Centralia. We have never forgotten this remarkable man. He gave us an example to live up to. Bob and I still remember the time Larry let me drive his tractor, which amazed Bob. Tiffany and Stacy still tell the buggy ride story, when the horse made it back to the barn but left Larry and both of them stranded on the highway. So many good times! We love you and want you to know the impact, Larry, Mary Ellen, and the whole Smith clan had on our lives. You will always be in our prayers.*

*Jan and Bob Bogle
Tulsa, OK*

Jan Bogle - January 20, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Smith.*



January 19, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Larry's passing, prayers for the family.*

Rex D. Royer - January 19, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Smith.*



January 18, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Uncle Larry was the absolute best! Some of my best memories were made at their home. ❤️*

lauri Reed - January 18, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Smith.*



January 18, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Mary Ellen & family,
We are so sorry to hear of Larry's passing.
Thinking of all the good times we had, getting
together and building the float for the
Halloween parade. You are all in our thoughts
and prayers.
Mark & Jerri Ann Miller*



Mark & Jerri Ann Miller - January 18, 2023 at 09:36 AM



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Gerald D.

Gerald D. - January 18, 2023 at 05:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Larry Smith.*



January 17, 2023 at 08:56 PM