



Loren Smith

July 8, 1961 - February 15, 2026

Loren Smith, 64, of Salem, passed away peacefully at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN on February 15th, 2026. He was born on July 8th, 1961, in Centralia to Dillard and Evelyn (Thouvenin) Smith.

He is survived by his son: Dillard Smith; and two sisters: Janet Carter and Kathy Peters

He was preceded in death by his parents: Dillard and Evelyn Smith; and brother: John Smith.

Loren was a man with simple tastes. He loved doing woodworking. He enjoyed spending time outside in nature, especially taking hikes through Shawnee National Forest. The greatest joy in life came from spending time with his son.

Cremation rites will be accorded, per his wishes. Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home is honored to help the family through this time. Online condolences may be left by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home Facebook Page.

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DM

“ Sending my condolences to his family. Went to Washington School with Loren. RIP.

Diana Massey - February 16 at 08:49 PM

RR

Rest well Loren until we meet again

Raphael Rush - February 17 at 06:42 AM

JG

I met Loren at B&M In Carlyle,IL In the mid 90's. we hit it off and became lifelong friends.To our surprise we lived a couple of blocks apart in Carlyle, 8th Street and Ridge.I started a cleaning Business in 1996.Loren was kind enough to lend a helping hand.We lost touch for a few years only to find out we both ended up in the Salem,IL area. At that time I was getting ready to marry my wife Cara in 2001 I asked Loren to be the Best man in our wedding.True to Loren style he opted to be a groomsman instead. Loren was always available for a front porch conversation or to lend a helping hand. In life we cross paths with many people for many different reasons,today it is crystal clear why Loren and crossed paths. It was to bring glory to God for this is the whole obligation of man.If you are a person of faith you understand this. If you're not you may question this.There is no doubt in my mind Loren received the gift of eternal life. He believed these words to be true. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son,that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Loren knew this was a gift he could not earn on his own merit. This truly is a free gift that only Jesus can give you because he is the only one who paid your debt to God for you.Loren didn't waste this gift he received it! How about you? I have many memories of Loren by far this is the best one I have of him.

Josh Garner - February 17 at 09:17 AM

SG

Thoughts and prayers to Loren's family. He was a kind man.

Sonya (Spears) Greathouse - February 17 at 10:20 AM