



Steven Smith

July 5, 1957 - August 19, 2024

Steve Smith, 67, of Cottleville, MO, formerly of Centralia, passed away peacefully Monday, August 19, 2024 at Evelyn's House in Creve Couer, MO.

He was born July 5, 1957 in Centralia, the son of William A. Smith and Betty R. (Friend) Smith. On May 22, 1982 in Centralia, Steve married the love of his life, Charlene Rude, and she survives.

In addition to his wife of 42 years, Charlene Smith of Cottleville, Missouri, Steve is also survived by his two children: Jennifer Moll of Bridgeton, Missouri and Christopher Smith and wife Rachel of St. Charles, Missouri; two granddaughters: Hesleigh Smith and Raegan Smith; sisters-in-law: Linda Mijal and husband Phil of The Villages, Florida and Patricia Hodges of Mt. Vernon; his four legged best friend: Tillie; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Randy Smith, sister: Debra McClain, father and mother-in-law: Charles and Betsy Rude.

Steve fought a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. Dr. Moh'd Khushman and his staff at West County Siteman Cancer Center became his family this past year. The family appreciates all of the care they provided for him. After working for the United States Postal Service for 34 years, Steve retired from the Centralia Office. He was a member of the St. Peter United Church of

Christ in Centralia. Steve loved traveling, fishing and working in the yard. He had a big heart, whether it was mowing the yards in the neighborhood or volunteering at the CCBA Food Pantry. Steve was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. He will be missed by all that knew him.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home with Pastor John Pawloski officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. A Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 12:00 pm until the time of service at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CCBA Food Pantry and/or PALS Animal Shelter of Hawk Point, MO 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 Steve's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 27, 2024 at 08:55 AM

JC

“ *You were one of the most wonderful men I met when you worked at the post office. I'm sure God welcomed you with open arms, my prayers are with your family.*

Judith L Clinton - November 01, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SB

“ *My sincere condolences to you all. May your cherished memories of Steve bring peace and comfort to you in the days ahead.*



Sherri Bassen - August 26, 2024 at 10:27 PM

EC

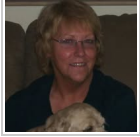
“ *Charlene and family, we are so sorry. You have all been through so much this past year... You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you peace and comfort at the loss of one so dear.*

Elaine Chapman - August 26, 2024 at 08:53 PM

DB

and Dennis Backstrom

Dennis Backstrom - August 26, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Jan Edgar- Poehler lit a candle in memory of Steven Smith*



Jan Edgar- Poehler - August 25, 2024 at 03:59 PM

BW

“ *My deepest sympathy to you You are in my prayers*

Brenda White - August 23, 2024 at 04:26 PM

JB

“ *John and Tonya Beckman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Smith.*

John and Tonya Beckman - August 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Smith.*



August 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM

VM

“ Steve was a great Christian man. Sorry Charlene. He is with Jesus now and in no pain.



victoria stover migliore - August 22, 2024 at 08:10 PM

TF

“ Timothy F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Smith.

Timothy F. - August 22, 2024 at 04:59 PM

PH

“ Charlene Jennifer Chris and Tillie- keeping you In our prayers now and in the days to come. You all have been through so much. I hope you find comfort knowing he suffers no longer. Your Faith, Family and Friends will help you through this 🙏🙏🙏❤️ Bob and Patti Hahn

patti Hahn - August 22, 2024 at 01:59 PM

TC

“ Stacey and I were sorry to hear about Steve's passing. How lucky we felt to meet Charlene and Steve on a cruise. I will never forget how hard we laughed at the cruise show when the dancers came into the audience and the one dancer began kicking her leg over Sharon's husbands head. Steve laughed so hard as he watched his friend sit frozen never breaking his crossed arm composure. That moment is forever etched in my mind seeing Steve crying, laughing so hard. The 4 of them made our trip. They were all so warm, fun and kind. We will cherish our time with them. Charlene, sending you and your family much love...Tracey Carson

tracey carson - August 22, 2024 at 12:32 PM

VJ

“ *Charlene and family,
Sending you love & prayers.
Vicky James*

Vicky James - August 22, 2024 at 07:57 AM

SP

“ *Charlene and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a great postal clerk and always had a smile and kind word. He was one of the good guys and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May he now rest in peace. Steve and LuAnn Pugh*

Steve Pugh - August 21, 2024 at 11:52 PM

SP

“ *Steve Pugh lit a candle in memory of Steven Smith*



Steve Pugh - August 21, 2024 at 11:43 PM

MI

“ *Steve and I were close friends since second grade, My heart is so filled with sadness. Prayers for Charlene, Jennifer and Chris.*

Mike - August 21, 2024 at 05:19 PM

GS

“ *So sorry for the family's loss.He was a great guy*

Gary Mary Smith - August 21, 2024 at 03:56 PM

YK

“ So very sorry for your families loss he was a sweet man

yvette and Ray Kostecki - August 21, 2024 at 02:44 PM

JC

“ Charlene, Steve was one of the kindest people I have known. So very sorry for your loss. Sending love and prayers for comfort.

Jennifer Castellari - August 21, 2024 at 02:26 PM

LH

“ Charlene and family, Walt and I are sorry to of this loss of Steve. We extend our sympathy to you all as you mourn.
Lisa and Walt Hart

Lisa Hart - August 21, 2024 at 12:41 PM

PB

“ Charlene and family, my Prayers and thoughts go out for you. I know that this was a long battle for Steve. Every time I saw him, he always had a smile and kind words. Before he retired from the Postal Service, my day would be brighter when I'd go in and he was behind the counter. He knew that Charlene and I worked at KSED together and we just had a great relationship. He will be missed.

Pamela Grace Boettcher - August 21, 2024 at 12:01 PM

DB

“ Sympathy to Steve's family. Hugs and prayers for his family

diana brinkman - August 20, 2024 at 08:16 PM

ML

“ *Mary Long lit a candle in memory of Steven Smith*



Mary Long - August 20, 2024 at 07:05 PM

ML

Sorry to her of Steve passing he was an asset to BW drug store and a great delivery man also postal worker at the Centralia facility. My thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family

Mary Long - August 20, 2024 at 07:09 PM

CB

“ *Charlene and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Steve. It was a pleasure knowing Steve and I also enjoyed working with him at BW as well. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. 🙏*



Cindy Brammeier - August 20, 2024 at 05:27 PM