



## Donald Ray Smith

June 3, 1953 - September 20, 2022

### Donald "Smitty" Smith

Age 69, of Braidwood, IL passed away peacefully, Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at his home. Born June 3, 1953 in Joliet, IL to the late Franklin D. and Dorothy Mae (nee Arnold) Smith. He graduated from Reed-Custer High School with the class of 1971. Donnie was a hard worker his entire life. He first worked for Texaco Oil Refinery, then R.R. Donnelly for seventeen years, and most recently enjoyed the life of truck driving. He also formerly worked for Lions Park and the City of Braidwood within the maintenance department. Member of the Braidwood Recreation Club where he enjoyed fishing and driving around. Donnie enjoyed riding his motorcycle, tinkering in the garage, golfing, puzzles, throwing darts, listening to music, playing cards, and most importantly loved spending time with family, friends, and his dog, Benny. Surviving are his wife, Beverly (nee Zapotocky) Smith, whom he lovingly married in 1973 & 1996; three children, Shannon (Joe Keene) Mills of Three Rivers, MI, Jason (Tammi) Smith of Morris, IL, and Frank (Allie) Smith of Cardiff, IL; five grandchildren, Jacinda (Trevor Tanke) Smith, Jenika Smith, Logan Mills, Jayda Mills, and Amelia Smith; four siblings, Dale (Jerri) Smith of Braidwood, Diane (Dave) Hibler of Joliet, Danny Smith of San Antonio, TX and David (Susan) Smith of San Antonio, TX; sister-in-law, Sharon Zapotocky of Saugerties, NY; numerous nieces, nephews, and their families; and special family friend, Yolanda "Yoli" Odo. Visitation for Donnie will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Sunday, September 25, 2022 from

2:00 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 4:00 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the family to be dispersed throughout many local charities would be appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
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## Service

SEP **25**. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Dear Bev - We can clearly remember when Donnie came to Braidwood. Donnie was always happy and had a vitality that shown through. He was full of life and easy to be friends with. He will be missed. We still miss Frank.  
Randy and Celeste.

Randy and Celeste Clark - September 27, 2022 at 08:01 PM

MD

“ Mike And Bev Duffy lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Smith



Mike and Bev Duffy - September 27, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ I have known Donnie since sometime in the early '70's and have always known him to be a very personable, principled, and likeable fellow with a better handle on what life is about than most. My sincere condolences go out to my dear cousin Beverly and the rest of his family, but probably the best condolence is just knowing that when Donnie was given a life in this world, he made it a great one!

Jim Blogg - September 24, 2022 at 01:04 PM

SS

“ Dear Beverly and family, we are saddened to hear of Donny passing.  
Please accept our sympathy. Sylvia and Andy.

Sylvia Sherlag - September 24, 2022 at 11:59 AM

SH

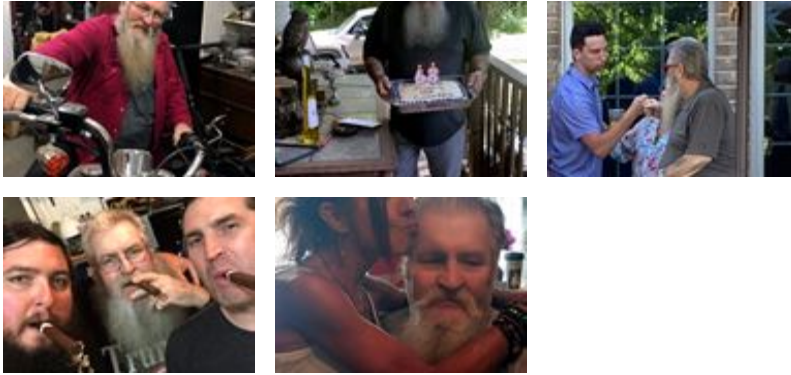
“ We will all miss him so much! I'll grieve along with you forever. All my love and support to all of you!



Sharon - September 24, 2022 at 09:56 AM



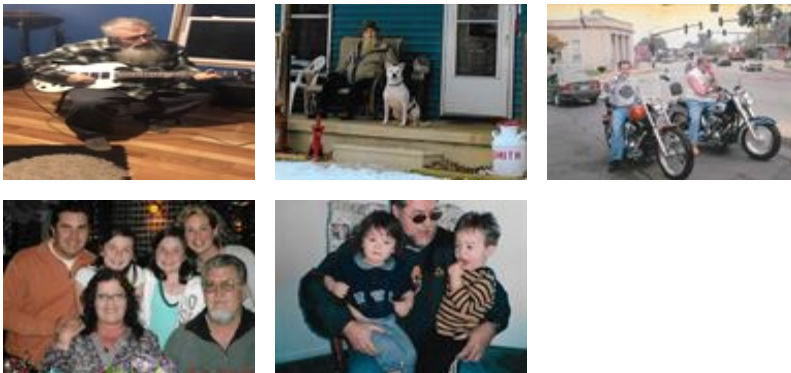
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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - September 23, 2022 at 06:07 PM



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R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - September 23, 2022 at 04:27 PM

AS

“ You will forever be in our hearts and missed everyday. Your spirit will continue on through us. Love you always.

Love,

Frankie, Allie, and Amelia



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**Allie Smith** - September 23, 2022 at 12:31 PM

DS

“ My brother. My best friend. I love him and I will miss him dearly. He has taught me so much about life and was always there for me even when I didn't ask. I will miss our weekly phone calls. We've had countless good times together. I'm glad he is with Mom and Dad again. Lord be with him. I'll see you later brother.

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**David Smith** - September 22, 2022 at 10:19 PM

BV

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Barbara (Weidner) Viano** - September 22, 2022 at 10:12 PM

JC

“ Jimmy And Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory  
of Donald Ray Smith



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**Jimmy and Peggy Cole** - September 22, 2022 at 07:26 PM