



James "Smitty" Smith

December 4, 1942 - November 16, 2020

James M. Smith

"Smitty"

Age 77, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at Morris Hospital in Morris, IL. Born December 4, 1942 in Joliet, IL to the late Richard F. and Marie (nee Pribish) Smith. Veteran of the United States Navy. Member of the Braidwood Recreation Club where he spent many hours on the golf course. Smitty previously owned and operated Smitty's 300 Club in Rockdale, IL. He loved and always looked forward to going on family trips to Missouri and also enjoyed spending time with friends from Lewis University, where he retired from. Surviving are one daughter, Kay (John) Wicevic of Gardner, IL; three grandchildren, Derek (Stacy) Wicevic of FL, Jonathan (Lauryn) Wicevic of IN, and Kati Wicevic of IL; one great grandchild, Bethany Wicevic; other survivors, sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith, brother, Richard (Carolyn) Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews that he dearly loved. Preceded in death by his parents; ex-wife, Carolee Moore; sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Marvin Oesterle; and brother, Ronald E. Smith. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ Here’s the modified pic!
I’m pretty sure his response was, “you’re such an @\$\$#0[€!” Which made me laugh even harder, and then he upgraded my status to “you’re a dick.”



Robin - December 26, 2020 at 01:02 AM

RO

“ So Smitty let me take a picture of him, but he didn’t know I was going to “modify” it!
Looking good, baby!
Love Robin ❤️ 🤪



Robin - December 26, 2020 at 12:49 AM

KW

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Kay Wicevic - December 18, 2020 at 04:53 PM

LR

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Laura Rychlewski - November 28, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



John j wicevic - November 27, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JW

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John j wicevic - November 25, 2020 at 09:37 AM

JW

“ Where do I even begin. This man will be missed. He was such a huge part of my life. There are so many memories that come to mind, but one that sticks with me is how much golf I played with my Grandfather. He was so patient with me and my brother, and knowing how much love he had for the game, it must have been very difficult to train two wild boys to play this game. On top of that he convinced my father that golf was more fun and harder than fishing. (He was so right about that) He gave me something that I will always cherish, His time, his love. He was always there. He will always be with me too. Like I said there are so many memories, and that is because he truly was a wonderful person, a wonderful grandfather. Love you gramps always have, always will.

JONATHAN WICEVIC - November 21, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JS

“ RIP MY OLD FRIEND YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. I WAS LUCKY TO HAVE KNOW YOU FOR SO MANY YEARS. YOU WERE A UNIQUE AND A BEST OF FRIEND.

JIM STANLEY

Jim Stanley - November 21, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JL

“ Kay, John and family we are so sorry for your loss. Smitty loved you all so much and was so very proud of all of you. He also knew how much you all loved him which is a gift that we hope comforts you at this difficult time. Our hearts are broken; we will miss our dear friend so much. We have so many memories of walking at the club, driving at the club, golfing with Joe, hanging out in our backyard, our annual night before Thanksgiving "help" me brine the turkey, celebrating birthdays (Smitty 12/4 and Joe 12/8) and so much more. Smitty always brought us a smile and was also someone we could always count on. We loved him dearly and will miss him. RIP Smitty. Joe and Kathleen Lestina

Joe Lestina - November 21, 2020 at 10:39 AM

K)

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kati (grand daughter) - November 20, 2020 at 03:04 PM

RO

I just live these pictures of Smitty's youth. Always a smile on his face.

Robin - December 29, 2020 at 01:05 AM

GL

“ I meet Jim many years ago when he came to my tax office. I really enjoyed his visits each year and they were visits not just business. He was a wonderful person. He loved his family dearly and always took care of them. We would take a few minutes for business and an hour to tell stories about our children and grandchildren. My condolences to his family. Gloria Longest

Gloria Longest - November 20, 2020 at 11:01 AM

RO

“ I'm gonna miss you so much Smitty! Thank you for endless laughs, hysterical conversations and for being the best friend EVER! You made everyday life comedy hour. To Smitty's family, my deepest condolences. Smitty brought so much joy to so many people and those are the moments that help us find peace with his passing. Respectfully,
Robin



Robin - November 19, 2020 at 09:56 PM

CA

“ Where do we start. Uncle Jimmy was the life of our family. Wherever he was, there was laughter and you were guaranteed a fun time. Never a dull moment. But I have to say one time that brings a smile was when we were all in MO for our reunion. We talked him into getting onto the tube with Terry. They told Gary to go faster. They were being cocky, put their arms up in the air and before you knew it, Uncle Jimmy flipped out. All the guys dove in off the boat after him as he yelled he was ok. The only problem was they couldn't get him back up in the tube (which was comical watching them try) so had to pull him in the water back to the dock. Thank goodness we weren't far from the dock. After that experience, there was NEVER a chance of getting him back on the tube again. 😊🤪. MO will never be the same. 😞. RIP Uncle Jimmy ❤️. Love and miss you..... Carol Allison (niece)

Carol Allison - November 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM

KA

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Kati - November 19, 2020 at 06:39 PM

KW

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Kay Wicevic - November 19, 2020 at 05:22 PM

KW

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Kay Wicevic - November 19, 2020 at 05:07 PM

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John j wicevic - November 19, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JW

“ James Smith was the best father-in-law anyone could have. We shared many good times together even a few bad but that's life ,we ate lots of good food and drink some cold beer, played lots of golf (he taught me how to play) and had numerous family time playing pool Euchre and poker. He loved his family dearly and he loved his grandchildren and great granddaughter dearly he will be truly missed .I will always consider him a good friend. John j wicevic

John j wicevic - November 19, 2020 at 04:21 PM