



Royce "Dick" A. Smith

April 14, 1941 - October 5, 2025

Royce "Dick" A. Smith

Age 84, of Gardner, IL, formerly of Custer Park, IL, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born April 14, 1941, in Bradley, IL, he was the son of Royce R. and Mary D. (née McQueary) Smith.

On November 15, 1974, Royce married the love of his life, Judy Mack, at the United Methodist Church in Essex, IL. Together they shared nearly 51 wonderful years of marriage filled with love, laughter, and unwavering devotion to one another.

Royce dedicated his career to the sheet metal and HVAC trade as a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 265. Away from work, he was an enthusiastic sports fan who especially enjoyed NASCAR, cheering faithfully for Joey Logano, as well as the Chicago Bears, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bulls, and Chicago Blackhawks. He also took great pride in his 1966 Barracuda and enjoyed spending time refurbishing cars with his brother.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy; children, Jerry (Lorie) Urban of South Carolina and Vickie Beasley of Benton, KY; and was the proud grandfather of eleven grandchildren: Patrick, Katie, Steffanie, Kyle, Noah, Drew, Brittany, Brandon, Wade, Taylor and Tyler, as well as sixteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister, Joyce Hays of Jackson, MO; brothers, Monty (Sandra) Smith of St. Augustine, FL, and Steve (Rhonda) Smith of Bourbonnais, IL; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Joyce and John Mack; children, Royce Ann, Kathy, and Richard; and siblings, Bill Smith and Sandra Hefner.

Cremation rites have been accorded and entrusted to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood. Family and friends are invited to gather for a Celebration of Life honoring Royce on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Braidwood American Legion Koca Post 39 on Kennedy Road in Braidwood, IL.

To share memories or offer condolences, please visit Royce's online guestbook at www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or connect with us on Facebook.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Braidwood IL American Legion Koca Post 39
Kennedy Rd.
Braidwood, IL 60408

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Sandra Smith lit a candle in memory of Royce
"Dick" Smith



Sandra Smith - October 11, 2025 at 05:14 PM

CW

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dick.

Merle & Christi Wren

Christi Wren - October 11, 2025 at 01:21 PM

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“ susir floeers lit a candle in memory of Royce
"Dick" Smith



susir floeers - October 11, 2025 at 12:20 AM

RB

“ My condolences on your loss. My prayers are with you.

Royce Brattin - October 10, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DS

“ *Uncle Rick will be missed by many. My condolences to all of the family.* ”



Dawn Sargeant - October 10, 2025 at 07:01 AM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and friends* ”



Judith Bumpous - October 08, 2025 at 03:48 PM

CH

Rest in peace.

Carrie H. - October 08, 2025 at 09:47 PM

AB

We are sending our deepest sympathy to Dick's family.

Anita & Greg Borucki - October 10, 2025 at 09:56 AM