



James W. Smith

April 21, 1932 - October 25, 2016

JAMES W. SMITH, age 84 of Harbor Beach, passed away Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at his home under hospice care.

He was born on April 21, 1932 in Flint, to the late James and Clara Bell (Hunter) Smith. Jim and Emily Burkhard were united in marriage on January 10, 1952 in Angola, Indiana.

Jim worked at Hercules, Inc. in Harbor Beach, retiring after 44 years. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was an avid Detroit Tigers fan, and enjoyed woodworking.

He is survived by his wife Emily Smith of Harbor Beach, and children: Lou Buchanan and her husband Don of Phoenix, AZ, Steven Smith of Clinton Township, Denise Lapka of Caseville, Jody Baker and her husband Reid of Jacksonville, Florida, Sandy Stepanian and her husband Doug of Central Lake, Peggy Smith of Kalkaska, Tim Smith, and his wife Gina of St. Clair Shores, Tina Daugherty and her husband Mike of Bellaire, and Bill Smith and his wife Dena of Harbor Beach, 19 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and his siblings: Nora Clor of Sandusky and Don Smith and his wife Jane of Mt. Pleasant.

Jim was preceded in death by 3 grandchildren: Zachary Smith, Alex Smith,

and William Payionk, and daughter-in-law Virginia Smith.

Funeral Services for Jim will be Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 1pm, at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Ron Schultz officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Falls Cemetery. Visitation for Jim will be on Wednesday, from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Thursday will be at the church beginning at 12 noon until time of services at 1pm.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

Rock Falls Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Visitation

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
N. Third Street
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James W. Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Smith.*



October 28, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ *Bill And Janice Duerr lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Bill and Janice Duerr - October 28, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ *You were more than just a father in law to me, it was like I have 2 dads. You truly have a great family and am glad to be part of it. More importantly is my last conversation with you - you and our Lord were having daily conversations and knew where your are going. I pray I make it there and we can have that last game of Euchre up in Paradise. Love you!*

Doug

Doug Stepanian - October 28, 2016 at 02:02 PM

Jody
Smith
Baker

“ *Dad, you will always be with me. Always be a part of me. You are my best friend and I will hold you close to my heart. This is not good-bye Dad but rather we'll see you later. Prepare a nice big cloud for our family and get things ready so one day we can join you. I love you so much. Jody*

Jody Smith Baker - October 28, 2016 at 03:30 AM

CA

“ *Chuck & Sharon Abbott lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Chuck & Sharon Abbott - October 27, 2016 at 02:02 PM

CH

Our thoughts of sympathy to the family

Chuck - October 27, 2016 at 02:03 PM

TE

“ *The Families of Pallet Express purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James W. Smith.*



The Families of Pallet Express - October 26, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Smith.*



October 26, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *Pedrotte Family lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Pedrotte Family - October 26, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Smith.*



October 26, 2016 at 09:41 AM



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



October 26, 2016 at 09:03 AM

Edith
Holmes

“ *Edith Holmes lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Edith Holmes - October 26, 2016 at 08:55 AM

SL

“ *Sue Lloyd lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Sue Lloyd - October 26, 2016 at 05:14 AM

AW

“ *What a great neighbor. The wonderful clock and shelf made by Jim with such beautiful detail will serve as a great reminder of his great woodworking skills. Praying for comfort for Emily and the entire family*

Anthony&Angie Wood - October 26, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *Kim Sengstock lit a candle in memory of James W. Smith*



Kim Sengstock - October 25, 2016 at 11:40 PM



“ I will always think of my Uncle Jim when I look at the Grandmother clock he made for me. As kids we always liked to play Uno. When it was his turn, he always wanted to make the color "yeller". Love your niece Kim

Kimberly Lutenske - October 25, 2016 at 10:01 PM

ML

“ This is my grandfather. I will always remember the times we shared, the guidance he imposed on me and the love he shared for his family and for playing cards.

Matt Lapka - October 25, 2016 at 09:21 PM

PK

So sorry for your loss Matt..... I am sure you made him proud. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.....

Phyllis Kania - October 25, 2016 at 09:51 PM



Sorry for your loss

Kim Sengstock - October 25, 2016 at 11:42 PM



I always thought of uncle Jim as a father, he was so much like my dad, Glenn Forstner . When I think of aunt Emily and uncle Jim, I feel love , love they shared for each other and their family. I will miss you uncle Jim and I love you aunt Emily.

Edith Holmes - October 26, 2016 at 08:53 AM