



James Arthur Smith

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James A. Smith, age 85, passed away peacefully on October 24, 2024. He was born in Eubank, Kentucky on February 5, 1939. He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, three sisters, and his beloved son, Gary. James is survived by wife of 63 years, Karen; children Rebecca (Brian) Kaufman and Carl (Ashley) Smith; daughter-in-law Kim Smith; sibling Steve (Rhonda) Smith and many nieces and nephews.

James was a devoted grandfather to Kyle (Shriyani), Ryan, Evan, and Alex Kaufman, as well as Ben Smith and Sam Miller. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities, camping and teaching them about classic cars. He was blessed to meet his great-grandchildren, Finnegan and Faeya, and eagerly anticipated the arrival of twin great-grandchildren in the spring of 2025. James was a long-time employee of Clarke Floor Machine. James was also a Sunday school teacher, choir member and served on several boards during his long-time tenure as a dedicated member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Muskegon, Michigan.

James's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff of Christian Care and Harbor Hospice for their support and care; and to all those who have lifted them with prayers, visits, encouragement, and kindness. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the family discretionary fund are appreciated and can be made c/o Karen Smith. James was thankful for and loved his family. In accordance with his wishes a cremation has taken place and a celebration of life for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Please sign the online guest book and share a memory with the family.

Arrangements by Shoreline Memorial Services -- Muskegon Chapel (231)-722-5050



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Shoreline Memorial Services posted:

December 19 at 5:55 AM



Jennifer Fisk posted:

James was a wonderful caring man. I had the pleasure of taking care of him at Christian Care. You will be missed. ~Jenn~

October 29 at 8:00 PM



Jean Hippey posted:

James Smith was one of many of my wonderful uncles. I have many memories of my Uncle Jim, but my favorite is that he used to call me Jeanie Girl. He had such a tender heart and was always ready to give hugs...whether you were coming or going. He always wanted to know what was happening in your life and was never shy about saying "I love you". It was my honor to have known Uncle Jim. I will miss him dearly, but will see him again one day! I love you UJim!!

October 28 at 8:00 PM



Doug And Judy Tofflemire posted:

Dear Karen, & Family(s), we are saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We have fond Memories of you and Jim, and the Friendship we have developed over the years from CP2 Haines City, Fl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rebecca/Carl and Family(s) Thinking of You. Doug and Judy Tofflemire, North Bay, ON. Canada.

October 28 at 8:00 PM



A Memorial Tree Was Planted For James Arthur Smith posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Shoreline Memorial Services - Muskegon

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Shelley Meyers posted:

Uncle Jim, what can one say. He was kind and always willing to help. I remember all the things he did and said when my mom died and the comfort it brought to my dad. But in all of that he always reminded me that he had seniority because he was one day older than my dad! I will miss the family stories he shared telling them in such a way that it was almost as if you were there and saw it happen. Hugs and prayers to Aunt Karen, Carl, Becky and all the rest of the family. But I know you are all full of the blessed hope knowing you will see him again!

October 28 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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