



Lawrence Roger Smith

November 15, 1938 - December 20, 2023

Larry Smith, of Bloomington, IN, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2023 surrounded by loved ones. He will be remembered for his kind soul, ever-present smile, and devotion to his family.

He was the son of Merritt and Margaret Evelyn (Van Dam) Smith, and was born in Charlevoix, MI, in 1938. He enlisted in the Air Force after graduating high school in 1956, became a first-class airman, and was honorably released in 1960, remaining in the Air Force Reserve until 1962. He received the Good Conduct medal for exemplary service from 1956-59 and the Air and Space Longevity medal for his honorable active service from 1956-60. He married the love of his life, Jacomina (Kim) Roelofs in 1962. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He was a forester in several different locations for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources until he retired in 2000.

Survivors include his wife and their two children, Laurie (Aaron) Sokeland and Tom (Jessica) Smith; and his four grandchildren, Drake Smith, Elizabeth (Matthew) Jerden, Erica Smith, and Ella Sokeland. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Nancy; and brother, Bruce.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155. South Old State Road 37 is handling the cremation services and there will be no public viewing. Online

memories or condolences for the family can be made on www.allencares.com
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Tribute Wall

JT

“ I have great memories of Larry. They began when Larry and I were on the same baseball team when I was in the eighth grade 1951. They continued forever as I married his first cousin, Cynthia Gorsky, who was close to Larry’s mother. She was living with the Smiths as I was dating her. He was the most patient and kind individual. His talent as a baseball player was great. His concern for others made him a great father and family man. I am happy I got to know him and spend time with him. He will be a good infielder on heavens team . Thanks Larry for being who you are.

James Thrall - December 28, 2023 at 06:00 PM

GS

“ My memories go back to when he first started dating my sister, Kim. The First time I met him, he picked Kim up in a brand-new Chev Impala Convertible – Grey with a bright red interior. We loved it when he gave me and my sisters a ride down Wealthy Street. He always had a quiet, calm presence. We will miss seeing him when we visit. Kim's sister Gerda.

Gerda Sheets - December 27, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DD

“ To the Smith family. We weren't privileged enough to have know your husband/father grandfather, but our daughter Kelsi absolutely thought the world of him (although she only had the opportunity to see him a few times). If Drake is a reflection of his opa, he was someone we wish we would have had the chance to meet and get to know. Our hearts break for all of you and pray that God gives you strength and comfort during this time.
Dan and Kayla Dahms

Dan Dahms - December 27, 2023 at 12:08 AM

AV

My favorite brother-in-law. Kim and Larry would let me tag along on some of their dates. I must have been about 13 or 14. We went to the beach and out for pizza. He had a neat looking Chevy and he was so cool, always smiling, very low key.

Anne VandenBrink - December 27, 2023 at 06:30 PM