



William Barrett Smith

September 5, 1953 - January 26, 2019

William Barrett Smith, 65, of Solsberry, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at his residence following a long, heroic 10-year battle with ALS. He was born on September 5, 1953 in Dallas, Texas; the son of Harold and Stella (Mensche) Smith.

William joined the United States Navy following high school. He served from the end of the Vietnam war through the Gulf War, and many other humanitarian efforts in between, including, the bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon 1983. He was honorably discharged as a Senior Chief in 1996. William was also a volunteer firefighter with numerous departments throughout his life. He was a member of the AmVets and the American Legion Post 18 of Bloomington. William cherished his family time, always putting those close to him first. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, boating, and water skiing. William loved to play horseshoes, darts, an avid book collector, and music lover, who was a giver to others, always helping those in need. He will be forever remembered as a loving husband and devoted father that will be terribly missed by those who loved and knew him.

William is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sandra Smith; daughter, Jamie Smith (William Byrd); step-grandchildren, Emma and Nathan Byrd; brothers and their spouses, Mitchell, Francis "Timmy", Dwayne, Mark, Russell and David; sisters and their spouses, Dora, Tina, Phyllis, and Ernestine; along with

numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Angelina.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to William's family at www.allencares.com

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