

Larry R. Smith

March 10, 1947 - May 25, 2017

Larry R. Smith, 70, of Malinta, Ohio passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, May 25, 2017. He was born on March 10, 1947 in Highland Township, Defiance County, Ohio to the late Lee and Addie (Brink) Smith. On July 26, 1969, he married Rose Mary Gerken at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio.

Larry worked 15 years for Chrysler Corporation in Perrysburg, Ohio. He then became the custodian at Patrick Henry High School in 1981 and worked until 2008. He was a part time farmer. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio where he was an Elder, Trustee, and a Sunday School Superintendent. He was a lifetime member of the Patrick Henry Athletic Boosters, Hamler Mens Club, Eagles in Ottawa, and was a social member at the VFW in New Bavaria. He enjoyed golfing and detailing cars and was an avid fan of the OSU Buckeyes, Cleveland Indians, and the Patrick Henry Patriots. He enjoyed all of his grandchildren's activities and enjoyed spending time with them. He loved going to the Hamler Diner for his morning coffee.

He is survived by his wife, Rose; children, Lori (Steve) Radcliff of Glandorf, Ohio, Becky (Jon) Nelson of Hamler, Ohio, Rachel (Derek) Woods of Malinta, Ohio and Sarah (Derek) Diller of Perrysburg, Ohio; grandchildren, Jared Nelson, Natalie Nelson, Austin Radcliff, Trey Woods, Luke Woods, Aubrey Diller, Seth Woods, Kasey Nelson, and Kylee Diller; brothers, Robert (Irene) Smith of Holgate, Ohio and Ron (Mary) Smith of Spokane, Washington; and

many special nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by siblings; William Smith, Dorothy Beckham, Linda Roehrig, Carolyn Sizemore, and infant brother, Earl Smith.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 - 8 p.m. on Monday, May 29th at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Memorial contributions are suggested to Patrick Henry Athletic Boosters, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio, and the Malinta Fire Department or South Joint Ambulance District.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery

G-983 St. Rt. 109
Hamler, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 29. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
G-983 St. Rt. 109
Hamler, OH 43524

Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
G-983 St. Rt. 109
Hamler, OH 43524

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Sending our sympathy to the entire Smith Family. So sorry to hear of Larry's passing.*

from Mary and Denny Schwab

Mary Schwab - June 05, 2017 at 10:53 AM

JF

“ *Lori , please accept my condolences on the loss of your father . God must have needed him , may he rest in peace . Joe Fruchey*



Joe Fruchey - June 01, 2017 at 07:02 AM

FR

“ *Sarah Diller & Family,
Sarah, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. May God filled your coming days with memories to cherish and to keep you smiling as you remember him.....FRED RUFFIN*

Fred Ruffin - May 31, 2017 at 12:58 PM

NB

“ With deepest sadness and sympathy to my "angels" family. I am sorry we missed coming to the funeral, we had plans to come to the viewing last evening and heard that the funeral was yesterday. A friend shared the Mass program with us, it looked like a beautiful service befitting of a beautiful man. I will never forget as long I live your enormous kindness to John and coming to meet him at New Bavaria VFW, one of his dying wishes in the two weeks he had left to live. Dave & I had asked him what he wanted to do and was determined to get in as much as we could on his list. Time with all of you was one of them. He was so very fond of Larry as was so many people, including myself, as I'm sure you've heard over and over again this past week. Know my thoughts and prayers are with you all in the days & weeks ahead! Love you all!! Nancy & Dave

Nancy Brinkman - May 31, 2017 at 07:54 AM

JO

“ Rose and Lori, you have our deepest sympathy, from Gail and Jerry, a great fellow, we had some very great times together Jerry Osting

Jerry Osting - May 30, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JS

“ Janet Stark lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith



Janet Stark - May 29, 2017 at 01:03 PM

LW

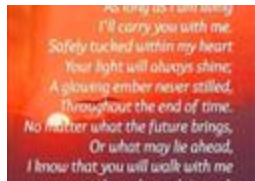
“ So sorry to learn of Larry's passing. I have very fond memories of Larry during our Hamler High School days. He was such a fun person to be around. My sympathy to the family. Lila (Sonnenberg) Wernecke



Lila Wernecke - May 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Teresa Brown - May 28, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.



May 28, 2017 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ So sorry to learn of Larry's passing. Jerry and I always enjoyed talking to him when we would see him at ballgames. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

Rosalie Harris

Mrs. Jerry Harris - May 28, 2017 at 05:08 PM

CS

“ *Connie Smith lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Connie Smith - May 27, 2017 at 11:25 PM

CS

Rose & Family, So sorry for your loss. Larry & Mac are having beers in HEAVEN!! He was one hell of a guy...so ornery.

Connie Smith - May 27, 2017 at 11:29 PM

SM

“ *I'll always remember Larry for his smiles and caring ways. So sorry for your loss Rose Mary and family. Sharon(Erford) Mathers.*

Sharon (Erford) Mathers - May 27, 2017 at 10:51 PM

EL

“ *Rose, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers. Please accept our deepest sympathies.*

Tony and Estella

Estella Marie Leonard - May 27, 2017 at 04:28 PM

BA

“ *To the Smith Family - my heart aches for you all. I'm so sorry for your loss. How I love all your family and enjoy all the memories of our times at GodFather's Pizza and thru college and wedding prep times! Hugs and prayers. Gary & Bonnie Alexander*

Bonnie Alexander - May 27, 2017 at 02:01 PM

KF

“ *Kathy And Mike Kempf And Family lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Kathy and Mike Kempf and family - May 27, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 27, 2017 at 11:42 AM

LF

“ *Lisa Frania purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



Lisa Frania - May 27, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 27, 2017 at 11:28 AM

BM

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Our deepest sympathy.*

Tim and Beth McGhee

Beth McGhee - May 27, 2017 at 10:57 AM

EB

“ *Ed Bryan lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Ed Bryan - May 27, 2017 at 09:38 AM

MM

“ *Condolences to Rose and the family Hugs to you all*

Mary Ann Maassel - May 27, 2017 at 09:15 AM

RG

“ *Ron Giesige sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Ron Giesige - May 27, 2017 at 06:48 AM

KS

“ I was stunned to hear this. Larry and I graduated together and I have fond memories of him. I visited Larry last summer when I was home, so glad I did. He was always upbeat and positive.

My deepest condolences to the family. He will definitely be missed.

Ken Schwiebert

Ken Schwiebert - May 27, 2017 at 05:35 AM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.



May 27, 2017 at 02:46 AM

BJ

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the beautiful family of Larry Smith...May God bless each and everyone of you during this difficult time..Im so glad our girls became friends..That made us friends....RIP Larry.You will be missed.. Love Herb and Betty Joy and family..

Betty Joy - May 26, 2017 at 08:17 PM

BK

“ We are so sorry. We extend our love, sympathy, and prayers for all of the family. Gerry and Belva Kallenbach

Belva Kallenbach - May 26, 2017 at 08:04 PM

MC

“ *Rose Mary and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you now! Love, Mark and Cindy Cody

Mark and Cindy Cody - May 26, 2017 at 07:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 26, 2017 at 07:01 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 26, 2017 at 05:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 26, 2017 at 05:11 PM

KH

“ *Kim & Scott Helberg lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Kim & Scott Helberg - May 26, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“ *Rose and Family - I can't imagine the loss you must feel. Jon and I are so very sorry.*

I hope you lean on one another at this time and are able to find some comfort with the love that you all have for one another.

Jon and Kim

Kim Lange - May 26, 2017 at 04:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 26, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry R. Smith.*



May 26, 2017 at 03:22 PM

MN

“ *Our deepest sympathy. May you find comfort and strength from your faith, family and friends during this very difficult time.*

Matt & Kelly Nye - May 26, 2017 at 01:56 PM

LV

“ *Sarah Diller, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Linda Vandercook*

Linda Vandercook - May 26, 2017 at 01:52 PM

DS

“ *Darlyn Rickenberg Shumaker lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Smith*



Darlyn Rickenberg Shumaker - May 26, 2017 at 01:40 PM