



Smith J. Robert

May 12, 2009

Robert J. Smith August 22, 1932-May 12, 2009 Robert Joseph Smith, 76, of Deshler, Ohio died Tuesday evening, May 12, 2009 at his residence. He was born August 22, 1932 in Deshler to the late Thomas and Etha (Hashbarger) Smith. On July 13, 1979 he married Margie (Balbaugh) Elston and she survives. He was previously married to Marilyn Rader and she preceded him in death in 1975. Robert graduated from Deshler High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He owned and operated Smith Auto & Truck Service, Deshler; retiring in 2007. He was a member of Deshler American Legion Post #316; VFW Post #9547, Leipsic, Ohio; Moose Lodge Chapter 362, Findlay, Ohio; Eagles Lodge #2793, Leipsic and D.A.V., Findlay. Robert is also survived by three daughters, Jackie (Dan) Chatel, Kentucky; Julie (Rick) Hoegg, Crestview, Florida; Shelly Kerr, Deshler; son, Richard Smith, Chicago, Illinois; 9 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; sister, Lena Schwab, Deshler; two brothers, Thomas (Clara) Smith, Jr., Deshler and Ronald (Carol) Smith, Deshler. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Bernadine Stanfield and Irene Ziegler; three brothers, Walter, Edgar and Donald Smith. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery with military honors accorded by Deshler American Legion Post #316 and VFW Post #9547. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to Bridge Hospice or donor's choice. Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.co

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Tribute Wall



“ I owe a debt of gratitude to Uncle Bob that I could never begin to repay. I learned so much from the man, not only about mechanics, but life as well. My favorite quote from Bob was There's a right way, a wrong way, and my way to do things. I use that saying to this day. He'll be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Randy Rader##imported-end##

May 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have many fond memories of spending time with the Smith family. May you find comfort in the love and prayers of family and friends.##imported-begin##Julie Setzer##imported-end##

May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Shelly and familyl want to send my condolences. I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was one of the best (and your mom too). They are alot like mine in so many ways. He will be missed but always in your hearts.##imported-begin##Vicky Wohn##imported-end##

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“ I had a lot of good times with Bob working with him for many years.He taught me alot about cars and was the best boss I'll have in my life I'm sure. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family.##imported-begin##John Andlori Hoops##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm sorry we can not make it home. Bob was a great person and friend. He helped us many times with car problems and always had a beer to pass the time,##imported-begin##Dick And Rita Stanfield##imported-end##

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“ I have great memories of Uncle Bob. My favorite was when I was working for him at Smith Auto and he said If I'm going to pay you 50 cents an hour your going to work every minute of that hour. and I did. He would make me laugh often even though I was a little scared of him. I always loved visiting him and Marge when I was in Deshler. Uncle Bob always had a great perspective on life and I learned allot from him. He will be missed and always remembered. Larry Smith##imported-begin##Larry Smith##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayer are with your family. Judee Suber##imported-begin##Judee Suber##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with your family and friends.##imported-begin##Northwest Ohio Medical Equipment##imported-end##

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