



Daniel James Smith

March 13, 1957 - July 22, 2025

Daniel James Smith, age 68, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

He was born on March 13, 1957, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of the late George and Rose Smith.

After graduating from high school, Dan served in the United States Air Force, where he met his wife, Kelly. Together, they raised a family of four children in Brookings, Oregon.

Dan is survived by Kelly Smith; children Miranda, Danny (Shannon), and Jesse (Toni); and grandchildren Bodie, Brynn, Ava, and Addy. He is also lovingly remembered by his siblings: Greg (Cheryl) Smith, Rosemary (David) Segroves, Joan (Bill) Eisinger, Margie (Don) Wessels, Craig (Doreen) Smith, Jeanne (Gerry) Metzger, Ellie (Dan) Sadro, Billy Smith, and Brian Smith, as well as by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rose Smith, and his daughter Tarinn.

Dan had a deep faith in Jesus Christ, and his family takes comfort in knowing that he is now in his Heavenly home.

A Funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the

Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Interment will take place immediately after the service at Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 11 am until the service time at 1 pm.

Dan will be remembered and missed deeply by his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Colfax Township Cemetery

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.
84 Westland Dr
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(989) 269-3000
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I didn't know him but did know three of his sisters, Rosemary, Marge and Joann. My deepest condolences to you and all of your family.

Marlene (Corl) Carlson - July 26, 2025 at 08:12 PM

MS

“ Today is complicated for me - because my relationship with my dad wasn't perfect.

We hadn't spoke in years, and there were things between us that were never resolved.

But even with all of that, I love him. He's my dad. And I want to remember the parts of him that made me smile, that taught me something, that gave me pieces of who I am.

I remember his laughter, I remember his strength. I remember little moments- ones that might seem small to others, but they meant something to me. Those are the memories I choose to carry forward.

Not just the pain or the silence, but the light that was there too - even if it flickered.

I thank God for the time he gave me with my dad. I hope he's at peace now. And I hope he knew deep down that I never stopped caring.

Rest in peace, dad. I love you and you'll always be a part of me.
Miranda

Miranda Smith - July 26, 2025 at 11:31 AM

PH

“ Dan & I attended Ugly Elementary school and were best buddies during that time. I recall going over to play with Dan & his brothers and sisters at the Smith family home on McAllister Rd. , (just south of the Verona Cemetery), we always had a blast! Dan is not really gone as long as he lives on in our memories, and we know that one day we will see him again. Sending our love and condolences, Pete & Dea Herrington

Peter Herrington - July 26, 2025 at 07:25 AM

TC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Dan. Condolences to all his family and friends. RIP cousin. Denise and Tom Carriveau and family

Tom Carriveau - July 25, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daniel James Smith.



July 25, 2025 at 08:51 AM

KC

“ Dan helped me in ways I cannot put in words. My family is very thankful for all the love shared, his memory will be celebrated!

Kelsey Capling - July 24, 2025 at 10:54 PM

TL

“ Tom and Pat long purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel James Smith.



Tom and Pat long - July 24, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TL

“ Tom and Pat long planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel James Smith.

Tom and Pat long - July 24, 2025 at 06:03 PM

MA

“ My heart breaks for your family Dan was a great person my intentions of moving back to the thumb was to reunite with my cousins Dan was at one of our Kubacki reunions-I walked up to him and said I don't know you lol. Since that day I felt like I gained another brother I would text him when Clare couldn't do anything because of his knee infection can you help me pickup some furniture -can you look at the golf cart it's not working-can you hang this picture over my stairwell he was always offering to help in any way I loved having him and his siblings over for a cup of coffee he texted me the day before he passed always asking how is mom how is Clare how are you. I will miss him, may the angels welcome him to paradise.

Marj - July 24, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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Miranda Smith - July 26, 2025 at 11:23 AM