



## Eugene W. Smalley

November 27, 1931 - December 1, 2023

Eugene W. Smalley, 92, of Ubly, passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Eugene was born at home on the family farm on November 27, 1931, son of the late Walter and Lucy (Peruski) Smalley.

He married Gloria M. Gwisdalla on June 27, 1953. They celebrated 70 years of marriage this year.

Eugene lived to farm and was happiest when driving the combine and giving orders to the boys. He enjoyed taking his children to “rock festivals” and he always drove, because he knew where they were at. Eugene loved to play euchre and his trips to the casino with his friends. In his younger years, Eugene didn’t miss a chance to go polka dancing! The Polka Party could be heard every Sunday at the Smalley house.

Eugene was a lifelong member of St. Isidore Parish-St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Parisville, where he was an usher. He was also a member of the Ruth Knights of Columbus Council 3823.

Eugene is survived by his wife Gloria Smalley of Ubly.

His eleven children, Marvin (Loretta) Smalley of Ruth, Dennis (Diane) Smalley of Ubly, Ronald (Delores) Smalley of Ubly, Doreen (Fred) Wehrenberg of Jamestown, CA, Gary (Patricia) Smalley of Ruth, Brian Smalley of Ubly, David

(Kelly) Smalley of Ubly, Karen (Rick) Peterson of Hollywood, FL, Lori (Rick) Kociba of Bad Axe, Mary (Steve) Booms of Ruth, Mike Smalley of Bad Axe. 27 Grandchildren and 36 Great-grandchildren, his sisters, Florence Steadman and Shirley Chinn and his brother-in-law, Calvin Grifka, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Eugene was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Amber Smalley, his sisters, Ester Butterwick, Agnes Bismack, Beatrice Capling, Grace Smalley, Delores Thompson, Bertha Grifka, and Mamie Smalley and brothers-in-law, Max Steadman, Roy Chinn, Louis Butterwick, Jacob Bismack, Joseph Capling, and John Thompson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 am at St. Isidore Parish – St. Mary's Catholic Church of Parisville. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 2-8 pm at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe or Thursday at the church from 10 am until the service time at 11 am.

A Knights of Columbus rosary will be offered on Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Parisville, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Knights of Columbus Rosary Service

DEC 6. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

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DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Parish-St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4191 Parisville Rd.  
Parisville, MI

## Funeral Mass

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DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Isidore Parish-St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4191 Parisville Rd.  
Parisville, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending our Condolences to you Dave & Kelly 😊. Take Care!



Dave & Karen Case - December 13, 2023 at 07:33 PM

JS

“ Joyce Pionk Scott lit a candle in memory of Eugene W. Smalley



Joyce Pionk Scott - December 06, 2023 at 06:25 PM

JS

*Marv and Loretta,  
Letting you know that the 'Roman' Pionk family all share our sadness in your dad's passing, but also so much LOVE for him and your family. What a legacy your mom and dad have provided. Eugene is one of the greatest standouts of Parisville and the devotion, hard work, and love to his family and his community. He is a Parisville icon. Our family cherishes the many parish and community times that wet have shared and memories that we have.  
Eugene was one of the most incredible Polka dancers ever -- he is truly 'Dancing with the Stars' in Heaven.  
We want you to know how much we care for you and your family and send all our love and prayers to you at this time.  
It is not easy, but we have comfort in their goodness and God's promise.  
Joyce (Pionk) Scott*

Joyce Pionk Scott - December 06, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DG

“ Sad to lose a good neighbor. I always enjoyed seeing Eugene and Gloria at various events over the years.

Dave Glaza - December 06, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.



December 05, 2023 at 09:51 PM

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“ Jane Lund & Julie Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene W. Smalley.

Jane Lund & Julie Young - December 04, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.



December 04, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.*



December 04, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.*



December 04, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.*



December 04, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Kyle & Katie Walsh and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene W. Smalley.*

**Kyle & Katie Walsh and family** - December 03, 2023 at 09:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Eugene W. Smalley.



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December 03, 2023 at 09:19 PM