



Sammie S. Smith

February 23, 1933 - December 18, 2017

Sammie S. Smith, 84, of Aurora, IL, passed away Monday, December 18, 2017 at The Grove of Fox Valley. He was born February 23, 1933 in Keenes, IL.

Mr. Smith was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He loved, owned and raced harness horses for 60+ years, and formerly owned Hicks Atomic gas station in Aurora for ten years. Sammie was an avid gardener and loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his four children, Sammy (Monica) Smith, Craig Smith, Cheryl (Mike) Planz, and Gary (Sandy) Smith; four grandchildren, Nicole (Pete) Gerber, Sammi Jo Smith, Christopher Ardelean, and Stephen Planz; four great grandchildren, Sonny, Rosabella, Hunter, and Grayson; two sisters, Karel (Jerry) Miller and Lena Downen; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years, Ila M. Smith in August 2017; his parents, Charlie E. and Lucy (Gregory) Smith; brothers, Billie Gene Smith, Charles Ray Smith, Jimmie Laster Smith and Robert Smith; sisters, Dorothy Marie Smith, Minnie Evelyn Archer, Audrey Sweet and Rena Dean.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 22, 2017 at 10: 00 AM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY. Rev. Dan Sullivan will officiate with interment at River Hills Memorial Park, Batavia.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street Aurora, Illinois 60506.

Visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Sammie's family.

Cemetery Details

River Hills Memorial Park

Batavia, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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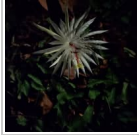
Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Sammie S. Smith



Daleiden Mortuary - December 20, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ *Sammie was the greatest grandfather anybody could ever have. I spent a lot of time with him whether it was at his house or mine, When I was a kid my Grandparents were my babysitters I would go to their house several times a week. I would have dinner and spend a good chunk of the night at their house. They would let me do whatever I wanted there whether it was playing ball inside or outside or watching whatever I wanted on television. I slept over at their house every year for New Years. My mom always sent over noise makers and we always used them. We would watch the New Year celebrations on TV. Pa Pa told the absolute best stories. He would tell me the story when he would drive his truck to Budweiser in St. Louis. He would also tell me about when he used to live in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Papa never said a mean word or gave a mean look for all the time I knew him. He was the greatest grandfather I could have possibly had and I'll miss him for the rest of my life, when I go to heaven I will go give him a hug and tell him how happy I am to see him.*

I love you Papa.

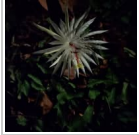
*From,
Stephen Planz*

Cheryl Planz - December 22, 2017 at 11:05 PM

DH

“ *Rest in peace to a great man that it was my distinct honor to know, respect and look up to for nearly 40 years. There will never be another like Sam Smith. Thank You for being You. Till next time.....*

David Hughes - December 22, 2017 at 06:50 AM



“ Cheryl Planz lit a candle in memory of
Sammie S. Smith



Cheryl Planz - December 21, 2017 at 04:23 PM

GS

“ Dad, Even when you were struggling with bad health. The first question you would always ask me was "how are you doing?" I think that says all that needs to be said!

Love you Pop,

Gary

Gary Smith - December 21, 2017 at 03:29 PM



“ Our dad,

Dad, I hope that I have and will be half the father and grandfather that you are. You always taught us the importance of right from wrong. As far as work ethic goes, we do our best but you and mom were in a class by yourselves. If anyone needed a \$100 and you only had \$50; you would borrow the rest. I promise we will uphold yours and Mom's belief that family will always come first! In closing Dad, you and Mom are where you belong, together again. We will be at the races tomorrow evening. Hopefully you will be looking over our shoulders and we all can get some winners. Thank you for everything! Rest in peace.

Love,

Your entire family!

Monica Smith - December 21, 2017 at 11:47 AM

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You by far exceeded their expectations of what a father and grandfather should be no two parents could be more proud of their son and i am the most blessed daughter in the world to have gotten so lucky to have you for a dad and grandfather to my boys! They most certainly belong together you know grandma was waiting for him and as soon as she saw him she said I've been waiting Dad

nicole gerber (smith) - December 21, 2017 at 01:21 PM

ML

“ Craig, Gary and Sammy and all the Smith family, sorry for your loss you guys and the whole family are in my prayers may god give you peace and comfort through this hard time.

Maricela Losoya - December 20, 2017 at 07:00 AM

MF

“ To Gary, Sam and all the Smith Family. No words can really help to ease your loss, just know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Falck - December 19, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ Grandpa Smith was a kind and funny man that always made me feel like family when I would visit. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the Smith family, thinking of you.

Heather Stolp



Heather Stolp - December 18, 2017 at 10:35 PM

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Thank you heather you were his favorite “ pig farmer” lol

nicole gerber (smith) - December 19, 2017 at 07:53 PM



“ I know your in peace with no pain and over joyed to be reunited with grandma, thank you so much for being the most loving amazing grandfather. You would play any game i wanted even beauty shopand always ask for a perm and it was so funny because you never had hair on top and we would laugh so hard. You would have me sneak snacks in my tackle box when we fished so grandma wouldn't get mad at you for junk food and Popeyes chicken while we fished even though I'm sure she knew 😊 god bless you but i know i will see you again one day and you will be waiting just like grandma was for you

nicole gerber (smith) - December 18, 2017 at 07:02 PM



I didn't know about the snacks and the Popeyes to funny

Cheryl Planz - December 18, 2017 at 10:13 PM



To Sam and Gary, and all the Smith family. I'm sorry for the loss of you Father especially this time of year. Prayers for all!
Judy Beckmann

Judy Beckmann - December 19, 2017 at 10:07 AM