



James Thurman Smith

June 21, 1942 - December 17, 2018

James Thurman Smith, 76, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Monday December 17, 2018 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home. He was born on June 21, 1942, in Columbia, Kentucky, to John F. and Rosie M. (Kemp) Smith. He was married to Kathleen A. Smith until she preceded him in death. He later married Mary Adkinson who survives.

James was a member of the West Side Christian Church in Springfield, a member of the Route 97 Auto Club in Petersburg and loved woodworking as his hobby. He retired from the PORTA School District as Maintenance Director.

James is survived by his mother, Rosie, two sons, Brian (Lori) Smith of Petersburg and Darrin (Deanna) Smith of Petersburg, his wife, Mary, two step-children, Michael (Jill) Adkinson of St. Charles, Missouri and Kimberly (Robert) Ruff of Springfield, four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers and a sister; Bill Smith, Dennis (Barbara) Smith, Roger (Joyce) Smith, Wayne (Jess) Smith and Darlene (Charles) Dick.

James was preceded in death by his father, his first wife, Kathleen, and a sister, Elizabeth Maple.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 10 am to 11 am at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg with a funeral service immediately following at 11 am with Pastor Mike Harney officiating. A graveside service and burial will follow at White Cemetery in Tallula.

Memorials in James's name may be made to West Side Christian Church, 2850 Cider Mill Ln., Springfield, IL. 62702.

Please visit James's obituary online at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share memories.

Cemetery Details

White Cemetery

Tallula, IL 62688

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 20 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Thurman Smith*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Mary and to Jim's children and Grandchildren I offer my deepest sympathy.
Jim was a wonderful Christian Man and when i introduced Mary to Jim in the grievance class at West Side Christian Church a few weeks later God had planned for them to be together as friends and later man and wife. We will miss him and when the car shows are held we will remember him. Just think Jim got to meet the face of Jesus before we have.
Remember God gives us precious memories to remember him.*

Sharon Nation - December 24, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Brian, Darrin and the rest of the family. It's especially hard to lose a parent. He was a good man with an infectious laugh. He will be missed.
(2nd cousins) Grady, Gailyn and Kristi (Smith)*

gailyn - December 20, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *Darrin, Thinking of you and sending our sympathy in the loss of your dad; prayers for all your families.*

Mabel & David Ruppel - December 19, 2018 at 10:18 AM

FG

“ To the family of James, may God comfort you at this time. So very sorry for your loss. Floyd and Connie Grogan.



Floyd grogan - December 19, 2018 at 08:57 AM

CK

“ Brian and Darrin, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you and will keep your families. In our prayers. Cliff & Clara Klauzer



Cliff & Clara Klauzer - December 19, 2018 at 08:40 AM

JM

“ So sorry Brian and Lori about your dad passing. Keeping you held up in prayer. God bless.

Judy McCarty - December 18, 2018 at 11:01 PM

TC

“ Praying for all of you during this difficult time, Jim will be missed, but, not forgotten.

Terry and Ella Mae Chambers - December 18, 2018 at 09:48 PM

AS

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim's family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Anne Smith - December 18, 2018 at 05:34 PM