



Richard "Smitty" Smith

January 13, 1937 - November 2, 2015

Richard "Smitty" Smith passed away at 78 years old at Memorial Hospital surrounded by loved ones on November 2, 2015. All who met him will remember Richard's sense of humor and ability to make others smile. He lived for the simple things in life. Despite his cancer, Richard had a positive outlook on life and a will to live that took him as far as his body would allow.

Richard was born in Galesburg where he was raised along with his brother and two sisters. He attended Galesburg High School. Richard and his wife, Lois Miller, were married for 35 years. He supported his family as a truck driver most of his life, but his passion was spending time with his wife and five children. As one of the original members of The Illinois Country Opry, he enjoyed playing bass with his band members (The Country Giants) for several years.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Guy and Laura Smith and wife Lois Smith. He is survived by his siblings Jan (the late Don) Owens of Henderson, IL, David Smith of San Diego, CA, and Joyce Murphy of Bedford, TX. His children; Chuck (Lynette) Hess of New Berlin, IL, Terry (Tammy) Hess of Springfield, IL, Tim Smith of Emden, IL, Linda Smith (Bo Collins) of Tallula, IL, and Tammy (Jeff) Faul of Tallula, IL as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Smith family will be hosting a Celebration of Life in honor of their Father,

Richard Smith on Saturday, November 7th, at the Tallula Senior Center 103 W. Main Street, from 2:00pm till 5:00pm We are asking friends and family in lieu of flowers, to consider a donation to help with expenses. Two and a half years of cancer treatments with no insurance left nothing for arrangements. Donations will be accepted at the Celebration of life. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to donate, please mail a check to National Bank of Petersburg at P.O. Box 470, Petersburg, IL 62675 to the Richard Smith Memorial Fund. Your help is extremely appreciated and our family is forever grateful for your kindness.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Smitty" Smith*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Old Dogs , Children & Watermelon Wine*

Bo Collins - November 05, 2015 at 06:35 AM



“ *What a gift God gave me when He allowed me to be your friend.
Brian*

Brian Morgan - November 04, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. He was a GREAT guy. Lots of great memories of the Opry for sure*

Margaret Stier Santos - November 03, 2015 at 07:30 PM