



Richard D. Smith

November 1, 1942 - November 25, 2021

Richard Dale Smith, age 79 of Clare passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021, after a hard-fought battle with cancer lasting eight and a half years. Dick was born November 1, 1942 to Theodore Roosevelt Smith and Cora Marguerite (née Powell) Smith. He was the youngest, and was preceded in death by six siblings. Theodore, Norman, LaDonna Cords, Betty (Mike) Ivan, Judy Conrad, and Duane (Connie) Smith. He is survived by his loving wife of over twenty years, Diana (née Moreno) Smith and her sons Brent Holder and Bryce Henderson, three daughters Beki Henderson, Tami Steiner, and Jill (Wade) Rosenbaum, seven grandchildren, Amanda (Bradley) Brunger, Alise (Alex) Houpt, Taylor and Bailey Henderson, Kendyl, Macy, and Parker Rosenbaum, and five great-grandchildren, Brayden, Channing, and Ayvianah Cairns, and Rheilynn and Kennedy Houpt.

Dick had a natural curiosity and work ethic that led him to a life of tinkering, fixing, building, and helping others. After graduating from Perry High School in 1960, he started working with his father delivering fuel oil, before working for Diamond Reo Trucks, then spending over fifty years in the car business, eventually as the owner of D&R Auto Sales. Even when he wasn't at work, he loved building things and doing side-projects around the house. He could spend hour's woodworking in the garage, building anything from birdhouses to furniture. He was an avid golfer, playing on league every week for years and picking up a hole-in-one trophy along the way. He also enjoyed fishing and

watching sports, particularly the Tigers, Pistons, and Lions.

Visitation and Services for Dick will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 11 A.M. until the time of service at 1 P.M. Private burial will be held in the Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions are suggested to MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

740 S. Mission Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry and my sympathy goes out to his loved ones. I have known Richard for a long time and had the privilege of doing business with him. He was a wonderful man. He fought his battle with courage. Rest in peace Dick

Carla Hilyard - December 01, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Richard D. Smith.



November 30, 2021 at 11:58 AM

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“ Love, hugs, & prayers to you and your family Diane.

Barbara Smock - November 30, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard D. Smith.



November 30, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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“ *I'm so sad to hear of the loss of my friend. He was always such a bright spot in the world. Full of smiles and positive thought every time I saw him! Rest easy my friend, you fought a long hard battle! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Kelly Walworth - November 29, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D. Smith.*



November 29, 2021 at 08:20 PM