



Lester Ray Smith

August 25, 1936 - October 27, 2010

Lester Ray Smith, age 74 of Hermitage, Missouri passed away on Wednesday evening, October 27, 2010 at his home following a long illness.

He was born August 25, 1936 in Kansas City, Kansas to Lester H. Smith and Minnie E. (McKain) Smith. His siblings included one brother and five sisters.

He married Betty S. Bond on November 18, 1955 in Kansas City, Kansas and to this union seven children were born.

The family originally lived in Shawnee, Kansas where Lester served two years in the Kansas National Guard, and served with the Shawnee Kansas Volunteer Fire Department.

Lester worked in maintenance for the General Motors Training Center in Shawnee, Kansas for 29 years prior to his retirement in 1995. In 1980 the family moved to Hermitage, Missouri. He was a member of the St. Bernadettes Catholic Church in Hermitage.

Throughout his life he enjoyed a love of antique automobiles, country and bluegrass music, upholstery and refinishing antique furniture.

Lester is survived by his wife of 54 years, Betty Smith of the home, son, Mike

Smith and his wife Lori of Eudora, Kansas, son, Larry Smith and his wife Betty of Shawnee, Kansas, son, Rick Smith and his wife Bonnie of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, daughter, Lisa Meredith and her husband Mick of Bolivar, Missouri, son, Tom Smith and his wife Theresa of Hermitage, Missouri, daughter, Karen Rendall and her husband David of Phillipsburg, Missouri, daughter, Kristie Hagg and her husband Robert of Bolivar, Missouri, 25 grandchildren, Shaun Smith and his wife Devon, Nicole Smith, Clint Schermerhorn, Larry Smith, Jr., Meghan Smith, Jessica Johnson and her husband Robert, Justin Smith, Heather Smith, Jessie Shepardson, Becky Shepardson, Josh Shepardson, Cody Shepardson, Mickayla Meredith, Lydia Meredith, Brant Meredith, Brittany Smith, Colleen Smith, Andrew Smith, Joshua Addison, Kara Howard and her husband Andrew, Sarah Sallee, Jack Rendall, Ashley Hagg, Mariah Hagg, Kanyon Hagg, 13 great grandchildren, Anni Smith, Luci Smith, Malik Woods, Bridget Schermerhorn, Anthony Schermerhorn, Nathaniel Johnson, Brandon Johnson, Tygar Johnson, Kayan Smith, Mackenzie Smith, Kolton Smith, Hunter Smith and Tracen Howard.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, October 30, 2010 at St. Bernadettes Catholic Church in Hermitage, Missouri under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. Music will be Take My Hand Precious Lord by Elvis Presley, a congregational song, How Great Thou Art and Go Rest High On That Mountain by Stanley McCoy. Burial will follow at Payne Cemetery in Polk, Missouri where Mike Clayton will play on the fiddle, Blue Moon Of Kentucky. The grandchildren and great grandchildren will have a balloon release at the cemetery at the conclusion of the graveside service. A visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00pm, Friday evening at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri where there will be playing a video presentation during that time. Pallbearers will be Justin Smith, Meghan Smith, Joshua Addison, Larry Smith, Jr., Josh Shepardson and Darin Newman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers association or to the

Citizens Memorial Hospital Hospice Program.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Ray Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Lester Ray Smith*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Friends of Lisa and her family.*

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry, Betty and family,*

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Becky Foster - November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with the family during this time. I'm sure Smitty is sitting up in Heaven smiling down on everyone in his favorite old car.*

God Bless you and keep you!

*Love,
Kathy*

Kathy Mantooth Steward - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy on your loss.*

Scott, Brenda, Josh & Sara Mantooth - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are thinking of you and your family.
Lloyd, Betty and Doris Stogsdill*

Lloyd Stogsdill - October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM