



Richard L. Smith

September 22, 1946 - December 31, 2020

Richard L. Smith, 74, of Perrysburg, lost his battle with COVID 19 on December 31, 2020. He was born to Robert V. and Vesper F. (Handy) Smith on September 22, 1946. Rich grew up in the Old North End. He attended Stickney Elementary and graduated from Woodward HS in 1964. As a young man he enjoyed drag racing and riding dirt bikes.

He began his career as a Tool and Die Maker at Nash Tool & Die. After several years he moved to Right Tool & Die. He was accomplished in his field and trained many apprentices throughout his 40-year career. He also served several years on an advisory group for Penta Career Center, keeping them abreast of changes in the trade and suggesting changes to the curriculum to meet those needs

Rich married the love of his life Michele Schramm in September 1968. Two daughters followed over the next 5 years. Rich coached basketball and other sports for his girl's teams at St. Catherine's. He also enjoyed watching the girl's during travel volleyball and softball as well as collegiate basketball. He was proud father and attended all of their games. The Smith driveway was the locale for many a spirited game of basketball with his girls and the neighborhood kids. The backyard served as the neighborhood volleyball court. In his later years he enjoyed collecting Hot Wheels, Matchbox die cast, slot cars and trains. He and Michele enjoyed attending flea markets and garage

sales searching for rare and unique treasures. He was an avid fisherman, even in his own backyard. He continued riding dirt bikes and went on many trips up north with groups of friends. He loved spending time with his four grandkids and was a wonderful grandpa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and mother-in-law, June Benner. He is survived by his wife, Michele; daughters, Kimberly Lauch and Jackie (Jim) Purtee; grandkids, Blake and Brooke Lauch and David and Jacob Purtee; brother, Tom (Michelle) Smith and nieces, Erica (Tony) Dworznik and Sarah (Derek) Yundt.

A celebration of Rich's life will be planned for a date later in the year. Ansberg-West Funeral Directors (419) 472-7633.

Tribute Wall

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“ Will miss Rich at the Class of 64 reunions.
Jim McDonagh

Jim McDonagh - January 11, 2021 at 05:14 AM

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“ 'Smitty' was a loyal and generous friend to my father, a co-worker during his years at Right Tool & Die. He was diligent and regularly visited my dad in retirement - never empty handed, always sharing the benefits of a flea-market find and the generous portions of meals Michelle made. He was an easy talker without pretense, outgoing and always willing to help. I appreciated his time he gave and wish him peace.
My sincere condolences to Michelle, his family and friends.
Ann Marie Ravitch (Moskala)

Ann Marie - January 09, 2021 at 09:56 PM

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“ He was my coach and a surrogate dad. He was funny and huggable. I loved him and he will be greatly missed.

Carrie L. Wegren

Carrie Chambers - January 08, 2021 at 09:02 AM

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“ Many days Rich and would be hanging on the fence bullshiting for hours and sometimes over a couple of beers a lot of the talk was about motorcycles he loved playing in the dirt trails and i on the street,he always said the street was to dangerous, but one day he came home with a broken collar bone i always missed the days we talked when him and Michelle. Moved away RIP my friend
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Bob Crowe - January 07, 2021 at 06:38 PM