



Gerald L Smith

November 29, 1938 - June 10, 2017

Gerald L. "Popcorn" Smith, 78, of St. Anne, passed away at Joliet Hospice Home on June 10, 2017. He was born on November 29, 1938 in St. Anne to Harold and Zelda (Case) Smith. He married Sylvia (VanderVliet) Smith on October 24, 1964 and they have celebrated 52 years of marriage. Gerald served his country in the United States Air Force from 1963-1967. He worked at Armstrong, as a mill operator, for 30 years. He was also a grain farmer who grew popcorn, corn and soybeans, alongside his son. He was an active member of the First Reformed Church of Wichert. Gerald loved gardening and traveling. Gerald is survived by his wife, Sylvia, of St. Anne, a daughter and son-in-law; Nadene (Bruce) Dillman of Bloomington, IL, a son and daughter-in-law; Steven (Heather) Smith of St. Anne, a brother; Glen Smith of St. Anne, six grandchildren; Amy (Matt) Mitchell, Scott Dillman, Andrea Dillman, Spencer Smith, Kindi Smith, Mazie Smith and one great granddaughter Solara Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a visitation from 4 – 7pm on Weds. June 14, 2017 at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. There will be a funeral service at 10am Thurs. June 15, 2017 at the First Reformed Church of Wichert with Rev. Randy Knoll officiating. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

1st Reformed Church of Wichert
7697 E. 4500 S. Rd
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-6723

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald L Smith*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss, let the memories of time spent with Gerald sustain you at this time.*
Roy and Teresa Smith

Roy Smith - June 15, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Memorial Honor Blanket was purchased for the family of Gerald L Smith.*



June 15, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *So many good memories. Armstrong, doctor, popcorn, friendship. God be with all of you at this time.*
love to all,
Reba Estes

Reba L. Estes` - June 15, 2017 at 07:37 AM



“ *Gerald was a great guy to work with at Armstrong, i enjoyed the many years together . He will be missed.*
Dave Boudreau

Dave - June 14, 2017 at 02:46 PM



“ *Bob Zirkle lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Smith*



Bob Zirkle - June 14, 2017 at 11:38 AM

RO

“ *Roberta J. Olson lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Smith*



Roberta J. Olson - June 14, 2017 at 09:35 AM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewster lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Smith*



minnie brewster - June 13, 2017 at 05:35 PM

SE

“ *We will sure miss him at lunchtime at Joey's. We always enjoyed talking to them. Our thoughts and prayers for him and his family. Dick and Sharon (Reno) Emerson*

Sharon Emerson - June 13, 2017 at 03:33 PM

MH

“ *Love knows no yesterday or tomorrow, no beginning or end...
Love never changes.
May you cherish the love that will be with you always.
Live Today, Remember Yesterday, Await Tomorrow*

Deepest Sympathy

"and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying... Revelations 21:4

Maryann & George A "Andy" Hofferber - June 13, 2017 at 03:04 PM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Smith*



Tom Mallaney - June 13, 2017 at 10:21 AM

PD

“ Remembering you all in our prayers. We have wonderful memories of our time in Wichert and staying in touch with you through the years. May God's comfort be your strength. Pete and Pat Van Dyke

Peter Van Dyke - June 13, 2017 at 10:17 AM

AR

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Steve and Heather. Praying for you guys. 🍷

Adam and Marci Reynolds - June 12, 2017 at 11:40 PM

DF

“ Donna Fox-Price lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Smith



Donna Fox-Price - June 12, 2017 at 05:57 PM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with y'all at this difficult time!! I will miss seeing Gerald in the yard when I drive by!! RIP

Donna Fox-Price - June 12, 2017 at 05:57 PM

SS

Sending our thoughts and sympathy to all the Smith family. May God keep you all in his loving care.
Sending our sympathy and love,
Sharon and Roger Styck and family

Sharon Styck - June 13, 2017 at 05:33 PM

BZ

My thoughts and Prayers are with Gerald's Family... I worked with "Popcorn" for many years at @...Sincerely Bob Zirkle

Bob Zirkle - June 14, 2017 at 11:37 AM