



## Richard A. Smith

December 24, 1944 - December 19, 2025

Richard A. Smith, age 80, of Kankakee passed away Friday, December 19, 2025 at Citadel of Kankakee. He was born December 24, 1944 in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Eva Magnussen. Richard married Maureen Blank on October 7, 1995 in Reno, NV.

Richard was a bartender and was a custodian for Kankakee School District 111. He enjoyed gardening and shopping. Richard loved animals and dancing. He had a great sense of humor. Most of all, Richard loved spending time with his friends and family.

Surviving are his wife 30 years, Maureen Smith of Kankakee; one brother-in-law, Pat Norcia of Mountaintop, PA; two sisters-in-law, Diana Smith of CA and Anna Blank (Luke Scott) of Bradley; and many nieces and nephews. Richard is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Smith; and two sisters, Junie Norcia, and Janice Smith.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial service on Saturday, January 24, 2025 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Private family inurnment will be held at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

“See ya around like a doughnut.”

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN 24. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a great loss as Richie was a special man with great stories and wonderful memories. Always kind, gentle and funny. He is greatly missed as he was loved by so many. Peace to Maureen and all who loved him.*

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**Chris Karagias** - January 23 at 05:18 PM

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“ *So sad, Rich was such a sweet person and a joy to work with. My deepest condolences, prayers to all of your family.*

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**Lesa Milburn** - January 08 at 01:27 PM

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“ *So sad to hear. Mr. Richie, was such a sweet soul. I worked with him at LCC where he retired from. I would often see him at Jewel grocery and we would hold up lines reminiscing. Rest in Peace Mr. Richie* ❤️

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**Ruth** - December 21, 2025 at 09:09 PM

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“ Sometimes in life you meet someone who you just connect with and admire. Richie was one of those people for me. I had the privilege of working with him at LCC. He was loved and respected by teachers and kids. The staff would always want him as their custodian and I would always know when he was not working that evening. The next morning, I would have complaints that their rooms were not left in the condition that they were use to when Richie worked. As you can see, Richie took pride in his work!! He would always come to the office for a chat and to tell a funny joke or story. He was a kind man who loved interacting with the students. My heart goes out to his wife. I am so sorry for your loss and we all lost a good man here on earth. I know that God is now enjoying his humor and I know that I will “see you around like donut hole”! Sending love and prayers.

Debra Dilks - December 21, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Ritchie was so sweet to all the kids at LCC as he went through the halls smiling at them and staff. He had a special bond with Mrs. Johnson's kindergarten class (where he frequented the bathrooms nearby due to accidents, which he never minded). He would tell the kids "See ya around like a donut!" They thought it was the funniest thing! He was like a grandpa to so many of the kids there and was always giving high 5s. His warmth always reached staff as well and he made everyone smile and feel comfortable in his presence! We will miss you Mr. Ritchie, and love you soooo much!! -Nicole & girls

Nicole Hamm-Smith - December 21, 2025 at 04:27 PM