



David Ralph Smith

November 17, 1950 - September 30, 2021

David Ralph Smith, 70, of Milford, passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday, September 30th. Dave was born November 17, 1950, to Bonnie (Brown) and Francis "Smitty" Smith. In 1970, Dave graduated from Spirit Lake High School and started working for Dickinson County in the Engineers Office. By the time he retired in 2006, Dave had worked for the county for over 36 years. He was united in marriage to Beth (Rickman) on December 28, 1971. To this union, Dave and Beth were blessed with the birth of their only child, Kathy, in 1976.

Dave loved walking on the Henderson Trail, playing cards, listening to music and spending time with his grandkids.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents Bonnie and Smitty Smith, his brother Roger, and in-laws Jody and Bob Rickman.

He is survived by his wife, Beth, of 49 years; daughter Kathy; grandchildren Liam (f. Burkelyn), Jack, and Brooke; siblings Bonnie (Bill) Duhn, Marvin (Kathy) Smith, Bruce Smith; many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, October 7th at Calvary United Methodist Church. There will be visitation from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 6th, also at the church. A graveside service and interment will be held at a later date.

The family is requesting no flowers; memorials will be used to purchase a bench on Dave's beloved Henderson Trail.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Calvary United Methodist Church
679 W. Okoboji Rd.
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Service

OCT **7.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My husband and I met him on the path in Henderson's woods many times. We would stop for a chat...we had just commented that we hadn't seen him lately, and then saw the obituary.

You are in our thoughts at this time

Karyn and George Engebretson - October 07, 2021 at 08:24 PM

JH

“ Beth, so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I always enjoyed him stopping in the Auditor's office and listening to his travel stories, buffalo stories or whatever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed.



JoLynn Harms - October 06, 2021 at 08:42 PM

SK

“ Susan Kuhlman lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith



Susan kuhlman - October 06, 2021 at 06:48 PM

SK

Beth so very sorry for your loss, I so enjoyed knowing Dave, he was a gentle spirit and always had a smile, he will be missed, know u r in my thoughts & prayers.

Susan kuhlman - October 06, 2021 at 06:52 PM

CA

“ Dear Bethie, Kathy and families. I'm so very sorry to hear about Dave. He was a great guy with a great sense of humor . I know he will be so missed.

Bethie I will call you soon
Cathy Bradham

Sending Love hugs and prayers



cathybradham - October 06, 2021 at 05:13 PM

KS

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



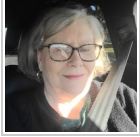
Kathy Stockdale - October 05, 2021 at 07:22 AM

RN

“ Beth and Kathy and family, I am sad to read of Dave's passing. I have your family in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Dave.



Rhonda and David Nelson - October 04, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Gloria Rieger lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith*



Gloria Rieger - October 04, 2021 at 07:50 PM

SS

“ *Dear Beth,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Sharon, Christy, Hannah, Sean and Molly

Sharon Swenning - October 03, 2021 at 05:56 PM

KS

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Kathy Stockdale - October 03, 2021 at 11:00 AM

VM

Beautiful family memories!

Vicki and Les Milverstedt - October 03, 2021 at 04:50 PM

RE

“ Beth and family so sorry for your loss. It was so nice to see him this summer at our class reunion. He talked a little about his cancer and what you have been through. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Love, Reba and Alan Munson

Reba - October 03, 2021 at 10:39 AM



KK

“ Beth and family, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to all for now and in the future.

Kent and Jo Kastrup - October 03, 2021 at 08:02 AM



CF

“ Colleen J Frederick lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith

Colleen J Frederick - October 02, 2021 at 06:44 PM



BW

“ Bonnie and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. Our deepest condolences.

Bev and Vern Wittler - October 02, 2021 at 06:31 PM

CW

“ BETH, KATHY, AND FAMILY,
WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF
DAVE'S PASSING. WE ARE THINKING OF
YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. HUGS TO
YOU ALL.



CONNIE AND BILL WLYMER

CONNIE WYMER - October 02, 2021 at 09:10 AM

DR

“ Beth and family, so sorry to hear of your loss.

Dan and Fawn Rogers - October 01, 2021 at 09:54 PM

RB

“ Beth sending my sympathies and hugs to you
and your family.



Rosemary Booth - October 01, 2021 at 09:38 PM

TU

“ Always had a smile on his face always enjoyed our visits prayers to
Beth and family

Tom and Della Underwood - October 01, 2021 at 07:04 PM

DR

“ *Beth and family, hugs and prayers for all of you.* ”



Don & Jean Reed - October 01, 2021 at 06:43 PM

BS

“ *Hugs and prayers* ”



Becky Savard - October 01, 2021 at 06:34 PM

MV

“ *Mary VanderWoude lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith* ”



Mary VanderWoude - October 01, 2021 at 05:48 PM

KB

“ *Kris Berning lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith* ”



Kris Berning - October 01, 2021 at 05:32 PM

VM

“ Beth and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have so many fun memories of our travels together. Never a dull moment and always a laugh or two.
Love you always
Vicki and Les.



Vicki and Les Milverstedt - October 01, 2021 at 02:47 PM

KW

“ Beth, Kathy, Bonnie and families-
Hugs and prayers to you all in your time of grief. He was a good man with a great sense of humor (had to be to put up with his sister). Thoughts are with you all.

Kristie & Tim Wintz - October 01, 2021 at 01:56 PM

MT

“ So sorry to hear about Dave. After hearing he was ill I prayed for him and his family daily. He was truly one of the good guys, always had a smile and made a person feel good after visiting with him. He will be missed.

Mary and Terry - October 01, 2021 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ Thoughts and prayers for Beth and Kathy and their extended family.

Mike and Roxane Slifer



Mike and Roxane Slifer - October 01, 2021 at 10:37 AM

NR

“ *Nancy Lago Reiman lit a candle in memory of David Ralph Smith*



Nancy Lago Reiman - October 01, 2021 at 10:29 AM

NR

Beth and family- May hope and peace be with you all in this time of sorrow. My sincerest sympathies to you.

Nancy Lago Reiman - October 01, 2021 at 10:33 AM