



## Bradley Lawrence Smith

April 9, 1936 - December 22, 2017

Bradley Lawrence Smith, 81, of Cedarville, Michigan, died December 22, 2017 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan. Brad was born April 9, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, to Leonard B. Smith and Hazel Jacobs Smith.

Brad grew up in Ferndale and Royal Oak, Michigan and graduated from the Shrine of the Little Flower High School in Royal Oak. He attended college, graduating from Lawrence University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He married Patricia Carolin on November 21, 1959, and they lived in Royal Oak and then Troy, Michigan. Brad worked for P. James Carolin Company with Patricia's father and brothers as a manufacturer's representative in the automobile industry. He worked with Chrysler suppliers. Eventually they moved to Southfield, Michigan, and started their family. After the birth of their oldest son, Bryan, they adopted their second son, Leonard, and first daughter, Bonny, as infants. Their youngest daughter, Lynn, completed their family when she was born in 1979.

Brad was a very active parent and was an assistant coach on almost all of the children's hockey, baseball, and soccer teams. He was a great skating teacher, even though he often needed a chair or hockey stick to stay up on his skates. They moved to Beverly Hills, Michigan, with their kids and finished raising the kids there. Brad retired in 2001 and they moved to Cedarville on

Muscoe Channel for their retirement years.

Brad was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel and the Knights of Columbus at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Clawson, Michigan.

Besides coaching, teaching, and spending time with his children, Brad was also an avid fisherman who loved to have fishing contests with his children. Brad never missed donut day at church.

Brad is survived by his wife Patricia; sons, Bryan L. Smith of Taipei, Taiwan, and Leonard B. Smith of Van Buren Township, Michigan; and daughter, Bonny C. (Mike Eastup) Smith, of Rome, New York. Brad is also survived by brothers, Truman (MaryAnn) Smith of White Lake, Michigan, Byron (Germaine) Smith of Grand Blanc, Michigan, and Grayson (Carolyn) Smith of Rochester Hills, Michigan; brothers-in-law, Ralph (Carol) Carolin of Franklin, Michigan, Joseph Carolin of Indian River, Michigan, and John (Penny) Carolin of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Carolin of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Brad was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Lynn in 2015; and brothers-in-law, P. James Carolin, Mike Carolin, and Paul Carolin.

Services will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel, on December 28, 2017. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Mass of Christian Burial to begin at 1:00 p.m. Father Peter Fosu will officiate.

Burial will be at Edgewood Cedar Cemetery in Clark Township, Michigan, in the spring.

Memorials may be directed to St. Vincent DePaul Society, P.O. Box 273,

Cedarville, MI 49719 or Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453,  
Hessel, MI 49745.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church  
261 S Islandview Rd.  
Hessel, MI 49745

## Graveside Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Edgewood Cedar Cemetery  
4 Mile Block Road  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bradley Lawrence Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Bradley Lawrence Smith*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Bradley Lawrence Smith*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *We will miss Brads smiling face at the Museum and his welcome every August. Pat you are in our prayers and your family as well. I really enjoyed talking fishing with him and he always had a good story for me. The best part of Les Cheneaux are the folks that make everything go up there, he will really be missed. We feel blessed to have known him and Pat you will always be in our prayers. God bless Bill Loomis and Family*

**Bill Loomis** - December 28, 2017 at 11:07 PM

DH

“ I have so many memories I don't even know where to start. Mom Pat, my prayers are with you and your family. My visits to see Brad with my ya-ya sister are so memorable and never forgotten. I can still hear Brad's voice saying "Ya'll" girls behave now! What a kind, wonderful man. His welcoming my boys to the UP was a memory they still talk about. Again my prayers are always with the whole family.

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**Dionicia (DEE) Hammack** - December 27, 2017 at 03:42 PM

YH

“ Ya-Ya sister Dee and Van Hammack purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bradley Lawrence Smith.



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**Ya-Ya sister Dee and Van Hammack** - December 27, 2017 at 03:23 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry he was a great man, a jokester but loved by all, sometimes I didn't know if he was made at me or teasing but I will miss him. Him and Pat were the type that if anyone needed anything they were right their . Loved his jokes at the Senior Citizens dinners. He will be missed.

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**Robbie Simonsen** - December 27, 2017 at 06:43 AM

SS

“ Brad was such a nice man always came over & said hi and gave a hug too. he will be missed.

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**Sharon Sherlund** - December 26, 2017 at 08:36 PM

RM

“ My condolences to Pat and his family. What a genuinely kind man he was. Always took the time to chat with me whenever I would see him. What a loss to our community. Peace be with Pat and his family.

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**Rachael Molino** - December 26, 2017 at 08:36 PM

LH

“ We will always remember Brad for his great fishing in the Channels of Cedarville. He will hold a special place in our hearts and will be missed dearly. Prayers to Pat and family.  
Steve. Linda, Nicholas and Amy Hamberg

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**Linda Hamberg** - December 26, 2017 at 08:14 PM

JB

“ Brad was a great man. Whenever he saw me he always made a point to come over to say Hello and give me a hug. He was my " Church pew " Buddy. My heart goes out to Pat and their children. He will be greatly missed- he had a wonderful sense of humor! He and Tommy are going to be pulling a lot of practical jokes !

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**Joanne Baker** - December 26, 2017 at 08:11 PM

GA

“ Brad was a very special person and we shall miss him. Our prayers are for the comfort of Pat and their children.

*Bob and Gerry Adams*

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**Gerry Adams** - December 26, 2017 at 06:27 PM

DM

“ Brad's sense of humor was filled with the joy of life, the self-effacing side of being human, and a gentle love and affection for others. His faith was simply down to earth, practical, and authentic. He and his devoted wife, Pat, lived their faith in giving to others despite their own hurts and heartaches. I think he would want us to pick up the slack now that he's gone onto better things. Thanks, Brad, for making the sun shine brighter.

Dave

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David H Murray - December 26, 2017 at 05:24 PM

MB

“ Brad and Pat were so so kind to my sister Donna and often gave her rides to senior luncheons and other activities around town. I'm forever grateful. My sympathies to you, Pat & family.

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mickey mielke bickham - December 26, 2017 at 05:09 PM

SH

“ Brad was a great guy and will be dearly missed by all. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Sue & Ralph Hamberg

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Susan & Ralph Hamberg - December 26, 2017 at 10:43 AM