



## Donald "Digger" Dean Smith

September 5, 1962 - February 28, 2025

Donald "Digger" Dean Smith, age 62, of Cedarville, Michigan, passed away at his home, on February 28, 2025. He was born on September 5, 1962, in St. Ignace, Michigan, to Don and Donna (Mielke) Smith, who both preceded him in death.

Donald lived his whole life in Cedarville and graduated from Cedarville High School with the class of 1980. He worked many jobs growing up, including Ken's Standard Station, Nye Construction, Pollard Construction, & Flotation Docking Systems, but his favorite place to be was in the woods, logging with his equipment. That was truly his happy place!

Aside from working in the woods, he enjoyed his daily rounds as the unofficial "Neighborhood Watch". The people of Cedarville were safer because of it.

You could also bet that his pockets were full of Milk Bone's for when he was greeted by the dogs, when visiting his Amish friends.

His gruff exterior disguised a heart of gold and his infectious smile and colorful, witty personality will be remembered by many. Your life really was better with him in it!

Donald is survived by the love of his life, Kristi Steffen; sister, Nina Smith;

nephews, Nathan (Meghan), Dylan (Kaalín), Derek (Mickayla) and Gordy (Carlie); great-nieces Laila and Azalea; great-nephew, Owen; and many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends that will feel this loss.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 Pickford, MI 49774. The Memorial Service will follow at 1:00 PM.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Nina,  
I will could say, "We know how hard this is". But we don't and no one can. I could say "We know what will help." But we don't and not sure anyone does. We could also say "things will get better with time." But I won't because what I want to say is all Gary and I know is you're loved very much and we are with you with your sorrow. Luv you more!

Jan Sobleski - March 16, 2025 at 09:45 PM

GB

“ Please know our loving thoughts are especially with you today, Kristi, Nina and family. Donnie will be missed dearly. John and Gillian Bickham.

Gillian Bickham - March 13, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JP

“ Joel P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.

Joel P. - March 12, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.

March 12, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.*



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March 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM



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March 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Kathy Laura Debbie Tracy Scott purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.*



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**Kathy Laura Debbie Tracy Scott** - March 11, 2025 at 11:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.*



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March 07, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ Jay and Sue Bowlby purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.



Jay and Sue Bowlby - March 07, 2025 at 08:44 AM

FR

“ From Ray and RaeAnn purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.



From Ray and RaeAnn - March 05, 2025 at 06:22 PM

WF

“ With Love, Gustafson & Harwood Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.



With Love, Gustafson & Harwood Families - March 05, 2025 at 01:32 PM

LA

“ Love Holly Tom Josh Alex Wyatt and Abel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.



Love Holly Tom Josh Alex Wyatt and Abel - March 05, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ Janet “ Hid” purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Donald “Digger” Dean Smith.



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Janet “ Hid” - March 04, 2025 at 05:34 PM

JH

“ Janet “ Hid” planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald “Digger” Dean Smith.

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Janet “ Hid” - March 04, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald “Digger” Dean Smith.



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March 04, 2025 at 03:37 PM

AP

“ Our extended family will miss Digger. Loved his sense of humor and kind heart. Special well wishes to Kristi. ❤️ Love, Amy and Tom Pendery

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Amy Pendery - March 04, 2025 at 02:20 PM

PM

“ *Pat and Margo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald "Digger" Dean Smith.*



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**Pat and Margo** - March 04, 2025 at 11:26 AM