



Donald Smith

November 13, 1934 - September 4, 2022

Donald Darrel "Duckie" Smith age 87, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, passed away at the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, MI after a short illness, on September 4, 2022.

Born November 13, 1934 on Mackinac Island, MI, the youngest of 7 children to Ozro Jackson Smith II and Mary Agatha Perrault. He attended Mackinac Island Public Schools before moving to Pickford, MI to attend High School. He Lettered in football, basketball and track but his first love was baseball. He attended Western Michigan University to play baseball as a left-handed pitcher. He followed his love of baseball to Detroit, MI for a try-out for the Detroit Tigers at the same time Al Kaline tried out for the Tigers. We all know how that ended up; Duckie couldn't run. He went on to experience life, including work to build the Mackinac Bridge and for a time, was a personal driver in Phoenix, AZ. His clients included Ty Cobb and Amanda Blake "Miss Kitty" with Gunsmoke. He returned to life on Mackinac Island, working for the MRA, serving as a City Commissioner and Chief of Police. He then made a long career as a Lineman for Edison Sault Electric, where he retired in 1997. His second love was golf, taking every opportunity to play golf. He golfed a round of 36, the best round of his life, two-days before being hospitalized. His love for his wife, Jeanne and his family was everything to him. He loved the moments when all of his family was around him. He is survived by his wife of 49-years, Jeanne Kaiser Smith, sons Ozro Jackson Smith III (Lisa Mattson-Smith) of Dafter, MI; Donald Darrel Smith of Mackinac Island, MI;

daughter Megan (Steven) Miller of Sault Ste. Marie. Grand-children Anthony Yukich, Savannah Smith, Alexander Platter, Ozro Thane Smith and Alana Smith; and great-grandson Augustus Smith.

With gratitude and love to Becky and Tom Erickson and Christy Curtis.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Mackinac Island Public Schools, Pickford Schools Athletic Association or Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Jean so sorry to hear about Duck. Remember good times with him years ago. Thinking of you

Kathy Sutter - September 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I'm very sorry to hear about Duckie. He was a great guy that I had the privilege to know very well from our Edison days. My condolences to your family.

Brent C Belleau - September 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We are so sad to hear about Uncle Duck passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. My love to all of you ❤️💔🙏🙏🙏

Marlene Smith Hornyak - September 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Jeanne - We are so sorry to learn this sad news! Please accept our sympathy. Since we have been going further South in Florida, we have lost touch, but the memories are still there! May you find peace, my friend! Lynne and Joe Metzger

Lynne Metzger - September 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Just learned my cousin Ducky passed away. We tried to meet once each summer for breakfast at the Chuck Wagon. We were the last Smiths of our generation. My condolences go out to Jean and the family. Gonna miss you cuz. RIP

Annette Gillespie - September 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Jeanne and family,

I am very sorry to be hear that Don has passed. He will be sorely missed! I hope it is possible to find peace with your memories of Don.

Love Pat and Jim Allen (Jeanne's cousin)

Pat Allen - September 07, 2022 at 12:00 AM