



Elvin Trerice Smith,

February 9, 2020

Terry Smith, 82, of St. Ignace, passed away Sunday morning, February 9, 2020, at home surrounded by his family. He was born September 17, 1937 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Elvin and Agnes (Closs) Smith and lived on the same corner in Evergreen Shores all his life. He graduated from LaSalle High School in 1956.

Terry was well-known for his jovial spirit, story telling and jokes. He was a creative and skilled craftsman - a carpenter, painter and glazier - and had his own glass business for many years. For the last years of his career, he and his wife provided maintenance and janitorial services for Little Bear, which they devoted any time day or night to and welcomed locals and visitors with the same smile and helpful spirit. He especially loved driving the Zamboni and sharpening skates for the kids.

He loved his community and particularly Saints sports. He was a member of LaSalle's first track team in 1956 and also played football and baseball, followed by many years of softball after graduation. For several years, he ran the chains at the Saints football games with life-time friends, Joe and Chum Frazier and Al Colegrove. He never missed his children's or grandchildren's sporting events or banquets.

Terry loved music, had a great voice and loved to play guitar and sing. He was known for singing "Danny Boy" and not leaving a dry eye in the room.

He married Sharon Erskine on August 25, 1956 and they were married for 63 years. He is survived by her and four children and their families: John and Roxanna (Massaway) Smith, Terri Lyn Fitzpatrick, Tammy and Roger Stascak, and Clark and Roxanne (Hardy) Smith; brother, Ken and Sharon Smith; brother, John Smith; sister, Pat Smith; brother-in-law, Dick Stascak; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by a young son, Elvin Smith III (Boo); a granddaughter, Tara Stascak; his sister, Kay Stascak; sister-in-law, Jannette Smith; sister and brother-in-laws, Esther and Kit Langstaff; brother and sister-in-laws, Bob and Margaret LeCount; in-laws, James and Elta Erskine; and his parents, Elvin and Agnes Smith.

Viewing will be at the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace on Friday, February 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with funeral service at 12:00 noon. Pallbearers are his grandchildren Paul, Andy and Sam Fitzpatrick, Nickie (Smith) Stenson and Jake Smith, Josh and Tyler Stascak; and nephews Ken Smith and Tom Smith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mackinac County Animal Shelter in St. Ignace. Burial and graveside service will be in early summer at the Brevort Township cemetery in Allenville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elvin Tererice Smith,*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Elvin Tererice Smith,*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Elvin Tererice Smith,*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Sharon & Family:*

Words can't begin to express the sorrow for your loss. Terry was a very special friend to me and Pooch when Pooch was ill. I always thought that Terry was our angel. He knew what needed done without our asking. With Terry's passing, God gained a new Angel in Heaven. If you need anything, Sharon, please call.

Stella Obeshaw & Jim Bishop - February 12, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing. He had an infectious smile and laugh. He and Sharon have been a staple in the community for as long as I can remember. Terry will be remembered for making St. Ignace a better little town to grow up in. Thank you for being my godfather Terry. Sending my condolences to Sharon and the Family.*

Jaimie Paquin - February 12, 2020 at 02:48 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss, One thing for sure Terry's story's will be missed. It's didn't matter where or when he always had a joke or story ready. Thank you Tammy for sharing your visits when you came to St. Ignace. That's one of the reasons that fb is good for. To keep up with family and friends. Thoughts and Prayers for Terry and Family.

John and Gloria Gold - February 12, 2020 at 06:04 AM

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“ This was my favorite joke I heard Terry tell.... Two little snakes were hissing near their pit. The mother snake came out and said, "What are you doing hissing near our pit. If you want to hiss go over to Mrs. Pott's pit and hiss. The two little snakes went over to Mrs. Pott's pit to hiss. Mrs. Potts came out and said, "Hey you two little snakes, what are you doing hissing near my pit? If you want to hiss, go back over to your own pit and hiss!" The two little snakes went back to their own pit to hiss. Their mother came out and said, "What are you doing hissing near our pit? I thought I told you to go over to Mrs. Pott's house to hiss. They said, Mrs. Potts said if we wanted to hiss we had to go back to our own pit to hiss. The mother snake said, "Well, I knew Mrs. Potts before she had a pit to hiss in."

Theresa Roach Vance - February 11, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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“ I knew Terry through my employer Mackinac Straits Health Systems. I enjoyed my mornings when I got to see him. He was such a warm spirit, funny and caring. I will miss seeing his smile and hearing his laugh. I loved all our jokes and shared stories. Rest peacefully Terry.

Candice Shagonabe - February 11, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ Terry was someone that always created a "happier space" for anyone that was fortunate enough to be around him. Though it is sad to hear of his passing, there are a whole lot of folks that likely consider their lives to have been enriched by having known him.

Hugs to Sharon and the entire family.

Brian G. - February 11, 2020 at 11:29 AM