



## Harry Leroy Smith

April 25, 1927 - February 11, 2015

Harry Leroy Smith, age 87, of Pickford, Michigan, died Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born April 25, 1927 in Marquette Township, Michigan, to Frederick Herbert and Ellen Gertrude (Wilson) Smith.

Harry grew up in the Fibre/Rudyard, Michigan area until he was in eighth grade when his family moved to Pickford. He left high school to serve in the United States Army and was with occupying forces in Japan as World War II was ending. Upon his discharge from service, Harry returned to Pickford to complete his high school education. He worked in Muskegon, Michigan for a few years before returning to Pickford. Harry worked at Nixon's Garage for several years before working as an accountant at Kincheloe Air Force Base from 1954 to 1962. In 1962, he became Postmaster in Pickford where he worked for 25 years until he retired in 1987.

Harry was a member of the Pickford Presbyterian Church where he served as a Session Member and Church Elder. He served the community in many organizations including the Pickford School Board, Pickford Lions Club (served as President), VFW Law-White Post in Hessel, Disabled American Veterans, and the National League of Postmasters (served as State Vice President). Harry was also one of the local leaders who formed the Munoscong Golf Association and helped build the Munoscong Golf Course in Pickford. He

served as Secretary/Treasurer of their board for 25 years. Harry coached recreational baseball, recreational softball, and Pickford high school volleyball as well as umpiring high school baseball.

Harry enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, bowling, and playing baseball. He played in an adult baseball league for many years. Harry was an avid Detroit Tiger baseball fan and he enjoyed following other Detroit sports teams too.

Harry is survived by his wife, Gloria Sue Rutledge Smith, whom he married January 1, 1951 at the Pickford Presbyterian church; their children, Cathy Sue (Arlene King) Smith of Sault Ste. Marie, Cindy Lee Smith of Pickford, and Christopher Elmer (Judith) Smith of Sault Ste. Marie; and one grandson, Ross Albert Smith. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Hessel of Pellston, Michigan; brothers, Dewey (Greta) Smith of Harrison, Michigan, and Donald (Evelyn) Smith of Petersburg, Michigan; and sister-in-law, Adrienne Smith of Pickford.

Harry was preceded in death by brothers, Albert (Mayme) Smith, Wilson Smith, Lyle (Anne) Smith, William J. Smith, Elwin (Jane) Smith, John (Flora) Smith, and Frank (Marcie) Smith; and brother-in-law, Edward Hessel.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 15 from 4 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. and Monday, February 16 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford.

A funeral service will be held Monday, February 16 at 11:00 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home with Reverend Jessica Paulsen conducting the service.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pickford Presbyterian Church,

P.O. Box 266, Pickford, MI 49774.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
[flfh@familylifefh.com](mailto:flfh@familylifefh.com)  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Leroy Smith*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Harry Leroy Smith*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Harry Leroy Smith*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Miss Gloria and Family...So sorry to hear about Mr. Harry. All my love and prayers are with you. Take your comfort from the memories he left behind. ❤️ ~ Jamie (McCoy) Harvey and Family*

**Jamie Harvey** - February 13, 2015 at 07:53 AM



*I am so sorry you have to feel the pain of losing a parent. Its one of the hardest things you will ever go through. I have lost both of mine but I am fortunate to have seven siblings. I love Uncle Harry he was so much fun and listening to our dads visit out in the yard while the wives were inside was to say the least, pretty comical. We have a large family and we are lucky to have each other. Please always know that we are here for you guys for whatever you may need.*

**Lisa Powers** - February 13, 2015 at 05:57 PM

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*So very sorry for your loss, Judy and family! He has such a kind face! I understand the loss of a father. I also know that I find comfort in our many happy memories. I'm hoping that you will find comfort, too, in your memories. Thinking of you at this sad time. Judy and Bob Colein*

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**Judy and Bob Colein** - February 13, 2015 at 08:52 PM

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*Holding you all close in our prayers. Neil and Sue Harrison*

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**sue harrison** - February 16, 2015 at 02:56 PM