



John "Johnny" David Smith

March 17, 1957 - May 31, 2024

John "Johnny" David Smith, age 67, passed on May 31, 2024. Johnny was born in St. Ignace on March 17, 1957, to Terry and Sharon (Erskine) Smith of Evergreen Shores, and he was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Johnny grew up in Evergreen Shores and went to school there before graduating from LaSalle High School, where he played football and baseball. He bought his great grandfather's (Cecil Smith) house after high school and lived there on the hill all his adult life. He was a gifted carpenter and worked for various construction companies and Kewadin Shores Casino for many years.

Johnny loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed being in the woods, tinkering in his garage, riding his 4-wheeler, spending time out at camp, and tending a roaring bonfire surrounded by family and friends. He had an infectious laugh and sense of humor.

Johnny is survived by his daughter, Nickie (Nate) Stenson, and son, Jake Smith; grandchildren, Lily and Curtis Stenson; mother, Sharon Smith; sisters, Terri Lyn Fitzpatrick and Tammy (Roger) Stascak, and brother, Clark (Roxanne) Smith; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Johnny was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Roxanna Massaway this past February; father, Terry Smith; brother, Elvin Smith III; and in-laws, Nan and Jim Massaway.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Johnny and Roxanna on July 20, 2024.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss John worked with me in maintenance at the casino he was such a great guy always joking and such a joy to work with Barb Smolinski

Barb - September 14, 2024 at 02:06 PM

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“ Dear Sharon, Nikki, and Jake, and all of the Smith/Massaway families, Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss and heart break. No parent should have to lose a child. Johnny was always so kind, funny and friendly whenever we saw him. He and Rox are together again. Please know that you have our prayers and deepest sympathy.



Jerry and Reinette Murray - June 13, 2024 at 12:16 PM