



## John Alfred Smale

May 29, 1959 - April 15, 2022

John Alfred Smale, age 62, of Hessel, Michigan, died at McLaren Northern Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan, on April 15, 2022. He was born on May 29, 1959, in Cedarville, Michigan to Marlow and Beverly (Morrow) Smale.

John grew up in Cedarville and attended Cedarville High School of Les Cheneaux Schools. He married the love of his life, Judy, on July 11, 1987. They bought a house in Hessel shortly after and have called that home ever since.

John enjoyed fishing, playing the drums in his band, landscaping, decorating his yard, and spending time with his friends and family. He would always say, “the more the merrier.” He was a big fan of wrestling and would try to catch any wrestling games he could. He was especially a fan of wrestler Hulk Hogan.

John is survived by his wife, Judy Smale; stepson, Robert (Jodi) Henley, grandchildren, Seth Henley, Danielle Henley, and Kyle Henley; great-granddaughters, Rhyann Rain and Robbie Rose; sister, Becky Solomonson; nephews, Donnie (Tina) Solomonson and Eric Solomonson; niece, Danielle Solomonson; great-nieces, Deserray Pegg, Ciara Solomonson, Rozalynn, and Victoria; great-nephew, James; great-nephew, Kingston; and great-niece, Jordynn.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Marlow and Beverly Smale; brother, Marlow “Mush” Smale; sister, Lisa Smale; stepson, Jimmy Henley; and brother-in-law, Donald Solomonson.

Galer Dodson Funeral Homes & Cremation, of St. Ignace, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *John Alfred Smale*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *John Alfred Smale*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *John Alfred Smale*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Our dad, Lloyd Smale (John's uncle), always spoke highly of John. John always made time to call his Uncle Lloyd and that meant a lot to dad. Dad recently passed, as well. I truly believe they met up again in the afterlife. Condolences to his wife and family.*

**Michele Zaborowske** - April 25, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Darlene Muscoe lit a candle in memory of John Alfred Smale*



**Darlene Muscoe** - April 20, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JH

“ *Judy, life is fragile. My deepest sympathy to you and your family with the loss of John.*  
*Sincerely , Judy Hamel*

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**judy hamel** - April 19, 2022 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Steve And Bonnie Hewer lit a candle in memory of John Alfred Smale*



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**Steve and Bonnie Hewer** - April 19, 2022 at 06:11 PM

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*John had a great sense of humor, our condolences go out to Judy and all of John's family💔*

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**Steve and Bonnie Hewer** - April 19, 2022 at 06:17 PM

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*I have fond memories of a very kind fellow. I smile as I remember.*

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**Betty Jones** - April 20, 2022 at 08:18 AM