



Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith

November 18, 1944 - July 31, 2024

Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith, age 79, of Cedarville, Michigan, died at Cedar Cove Assisted Living in Cedarville, on July 31, 2024. He was born on November 18, 1944, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Wallace Robert and Florence Smith.

Bob grew up in Cedarville and graduated from Cedarville High School. He attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, before working at Soo Savings Bank for ten years. He met Sharon Ann (Simmons) Slater, and they married on January 13, 1968, at the First Union Church in Cedarville. In 1980, he founded Smith and Griffin Real Estate and co-owned it for over twenty-five years. In the 1990s, he bought Waterlawn Cottages, which is still operating today.

Bob served as a member of the First Union Church in Cedarville, the Board of Directors of Cedar Cove Assisted Living, the Board of Directors of Mackinac Straits Hospital, the Beautification Committee of Les Cheneaux, Michigan, the Cedarville Sports Booster Club, the Cedarville Lions Club, the Islands Wildlife Committee, Clark Township Trustee, and the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show for over twenty years.

Bob had a passion for antiques and shopping. He loved visiting Mackinac Island, Michigan, listening to Elvis the "King," boating, and watercolor painting.

Bob is survived by his son, Fred (Kerri) Smith of Hessel, Michigan; daughters, Sue Ann (Jason) Bowlby of Cedarville and Deborah (Mike) Murray of Cedarville; grandchildren, Katie (Peter) Duman and Theodore "Ted" (Stephanie) Bowlby; great-grandchildren, Jaxxen Hansen, Levi Duman, and Dottie Duman; nieces, Jean (Darrel) Sanderson, and Cami Hubbert; and nephews, Brian Alcorn and Chris McKee.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; parents, Wallace and Florence; sisters, Betty Ann (Wes) Alcorn and Betty McKee; and niece, Carol Bonnor.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, with a Funeral Service following at 5:00 PM, at the First Union Church, 179 E. Hodeck, Cedarville, MI 49719. A private Burial will be held for the family.

The Final Resting Place will be at the Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Cemetery (aka Edgewood)

Clark Township Office
P.O. Box 367
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

First Union Church
159 E. Hodeck Street
Cedarville, MI 49719

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ I MET BOB AND SHARON SMITH NEARLY 40 YRS AGO....WE BECAME "FAST FRIENDS" (SMILE) WE STAYED IN TOUCH THRU THE YEARS..AND WHEN SHARON PASSED AWAY, MR BOB (AS I CALLED HIM) AND I WOULD TALK ON THE PHONE PERIDOCALLY. HE INVITED ME TO COME SING AT HIS CHURCH ABOUT 6 YRS AGO....WAS A WONDERFUL WEEK, MEETING HIS PASTOR, AND FRIENDS. I HAD SOOOOO MUCH FUN WHEN HE PLAYED THE TOUR GUIDE, TOOK ME TO MACKINAC ISLAND FOR A DAY....WHAT A PLACE! HE SEEMED TO KNOW EVERYONE IN TOWN AS WELL AS ON THE ISLAND!....(SMILE) MR BOB HAD A KIND GENTLE SPIRIT...I SHALL CERTAINLY MISS LISTENING TO HIS MESSAGES LEFT ON MY PHONE. I AM THANKFUL GOD BLESSED OUR FRIENDSHIP!!

MS LILLIE KNAULS - August 13, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MH

“ I have just read “The Weekly Wave” to learn about Bob’s passing. Not being in the loop anymore, I did not hear. Please accept my deepest condolences.
Yes, Bob and I were friends—of late sending each other “Thinking of You” cards hoping to cheer the other. He always drew little pictures on the envelopes to be enjoyed.
His obituary commented about his feelings about community and friendships. Those were his motto words.
I, too, shall miss Bob!
Marti Harness

Marti Harness - August 08, 2024 at 04:05 PM

MP

“ Margaret Murray and Richard Patmos purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith.



Margaret Murray and Richard Patmos - August 03, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith.



August 03, 2024 at 11:34 AM

CB

“ Curt & Leslie Bohn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith.

Curt & Leslie Bohn - August 03, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith.



August 02, 2024 at 09:23 PM

MF

“ From: McQuoid & Newsome Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Wallace Smith.

McQuoid & Newsome Family - August 02, 2024 at 09:23 PM

MA

“ Always a smile and good humor from cousin Bob, just like his Dad!

Milton & Linda Adams - August 02, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Bob his family & friends at this time of grief. Mike Pratt Myrtle Beach, SC

Mike Pratt - August 02, 2024 at 12:42 PM

GW

“ Definitely a pillar of the community. Bob was our first customer at Northwoods when we opened in April 2009. His signed dollar bill hung on the wall at the store. RIP my friend. You will be missed 🥹 And our deepest condolences to the family. Greg and Pam Wagner.

Greg Wagner - August 01, 2024 at 09:43 PM

PK

Bob, such a kind and wonderful man!! We always felt his supporting arm around our shoulders. If you were passing by and saw us outside, you'd stop, give a hug and a kind word. In church, you always took the time to make sure we felt welcome. Thank you for your time and your friendship of so many years!! You were a blessing to so many. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends, you will be missed!!
Becky and Perry Kogelschatz

Perry and Becky Kogelschatz - August 02, 2024 at 07:06 AM

MW

this is sad, such a loss to family, friends and community. i did not know him really well but whenever we met i felt like he was my old friend. i have seen him care for those in need and seek that which is beautiful in life. truly a great man.

marcy wisner - August 02, 2024 at 09:16 AM

SK

When Shelley and I first moved to the area Bob and Sharon made it a point to welcome us. I've been told many time by other people about their shared experience about Bob and Sharon's kindness welcoming new people to this community. Bob was generous to a fault with his time and genuine interest in other people's lives. We'll miss him coming round to have a talk about this and that. We always enjoyed his Weekly Wave column keeping everyone up on what was going on in our community. Please except our condolences. God speed Bob. The Koster's.

Shelley & Brad Koster - August 02, 2024 at 11:12 AM

BJ

On each meeting over 60 years (we were kids together when he was King of the Bon Air), sometimes years apart, it was if the last time was minutes ago. His recall and interest was surely a gift from God. Wishing Bob and all that loved Bob peace moving....

Bruce Johnson - August 02, 2024 at 12:22 PM

JS

*Mike and I treasured our friendship with Robert. After Mike passed he called numerous times to see how I was. What a kind, caring person he was.
RIP Robert, and may your Heavenly home be filled with joy, love and laughter.*

*JoAnn Schneider
Foley AL*

JoAnn Schneider - August 02, 2024 at 01:22 PM

SH

Bob was a loving man with a great sense of humor. Truly blessed to have known him. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. You will be forever missed, but now in the hands of Jesus!

Sheila Vander Horst - August 03, 2024 at 01:30 PM