



## Gary Lee Smith

September 3, 1939 - May 25, 2023

Gary (Pappy) Lee Smith, 83, of Anderson, went home to be with Jesus, May 25, 2023, at his residence. He was born on September 3, 1939, in Anderson, Indiana, and resided most of his life in Alexandria.

Gary graduated from Anderson High School in 1957. Gary was in the Naval Reserve then in the Army at Redstone Arsenal during the development and first launch of the Saturn Rocket. While serving in Army he completed instructions and certifications to become military police. After serving our country he gained employment at General Motors. He retired after 38 years.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family. Many vacations were spent camping and visiting National and State Parks and boating on Dale Hollow Lake. He loved sunshine, wintering in Florida, and spending the evening around a campfire. He planned many vacations all over the United States wanting his family to see and experience the beauty of our country. He and Sally loved taking trips on their motorcycle. Gary was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, in Anderson. He faithfully served the Lord, his family, and his church.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Karen Swanson; children, Jane (Ron) Nichols, Tim (Linda) Smith, Pam (Kim) Gorman, and Steve (Annetta) Smith; grandchildren, Zachary (Lindsey) Nichols, Molly (Mick) Harper, Grant (Caryn)

Gorman, Erin (Tom) Ragsdale, Morgan Smith, Bailey Gorman, Madison (Billy) Backous, Brady (Beth) Smith, Annie Smith and Cory Smith. Great Grandchildren; Hudson Harper, Tucker Harper, Jackson Nichols, Kasen Nichols, Maverick Backous, Sally Ragsdale, Abbie Backous, Calvin Ragsdale and Wyatt Ragsdale.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Clark Smith; mother, Virginia Ruth Wyatt; loving wife of 53 years Sally Smith; and brother, Stephen Smith.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, IN.

Services will be Thursday, June 1, 2023, 1:00 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Gary Cable officiating.

Burial will take place in the Parkview Cemetery, Alexandria.

# Cemetery Details

## Park View Cemetery

Alexandria, IN 46001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
Anderson, IN 46013  
(765) 649-5255  
info@loosecares.com

## Funeral Service

**JUN 1.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary Lee Smith.

May 31, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.



May 31, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.



May 31, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ Love, Alexis & Ty Guillotte purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Smith.



Love, Alexis & Ty Guillotte - May 31, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



May 30, 2023 at 09:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



May 30, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



May 30, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Your Friends at Element purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



**Your Friends at Element** - May 30, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



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May 30, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Smith.*



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May 28, 2023 at 09:58 PM