



## James (Jim) Robert Smith

March 1, 1946 - January 20, 2026

James (Jim) Robert Smith, 79, went to his heavenly home on January 20, 2026, at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born March 1, 1946, in Anderson, Indiana. He was the son of Thomas Franklin and Margaret Hortence (Ryan) Smith and resided all of his life in Anderson, Indiana.

Jim graduated from Highland High School in 1964, and later graduated from International Business College, earning a degree in Accounting. He married the love of his life, Linda Mae (Wells) Smith, on May 8, 1971. Linda preceded him in death in 2016. They were married for 44 years. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Kathleen Sumner-Smith, in 2024. Jim was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era as a Military Policeman.

Jim started working in the foundry at Delco Remy and eventually worked as an electrical engineer for various General Motors subsidiaries.

He was a member of Kingston Avenue Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for many years. Jim enjoyed golfing, watching General Hospital, and was a huge LA Dodgers fan. He especially enjoyed traveling with his family.

Jim is survived by his loving children, Chantell Detling (Terry) and Frank Smith (Leslie); grandchildren, Jared Smith (Lexie), Rylan Detling, Gavin Smith, Delaney Detling and Julia Smith and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Tom and Gary Smith.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory in Anderson, Indiana.

Services will follow visitation on Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastors Tim Overton and Brad Storm officiating.

Burial will follow at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kingston Avenue Baptist Church in Anderson, Indiana.

Online condolences may be made to the family in care of [www.LooseCares.com](http://www.LooseCares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Anderson Memorial Park

6805 Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.  
Anderson, IN 46013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 26.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

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## Funeral Service

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JAN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James (Jim) Robert Smith*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - January 23 at 06:32 PM



“ *Jim was a caring member of Kingston Avenue Baptist Church.*

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**Cindi Oakley** - February 07 at 07:58 PM



“ *Jessica F. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James (Jim) Robert Smith.*



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**Jessica F.** - January 26 at 12:48 PM



“ *Jessica F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James (Jim) Robert Smith.*

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**Jessica F.** - January 26 at 12:48 PM

GW

“ I had the pleasure to work with, and learn from, Jim. I particularly enjoyed our time and commraderie on test trips. He was a great guy and is missed!  
Sincerely, Gene Wantuck

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**Gene Wantuck** - January 26 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ The Alan Family purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of James (Jim) Robert Smith.



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**The Alan Family** - January 26 at 09:46 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Robert Smith.



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January 25 at 10:41 PM

JM

“ Jenny, Kiana, Josh, & Linda Mahanna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James (Jim) Robert Smith.

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**Jenny, Kiana, Josh, & Linda Mahanna** - January 25 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Robert Smith.*



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January 25 at 08:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Robert Smith.*



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January 25 at 04:02 PM



“ *Jim Daly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James (Jim) Robert Smith.*

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**Jim Daly** - January 25 at 04:02 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - January 23 at 06:20 PM