



David Jonathan Smith Sr.

September 19, 1949 - June 7, 2021

David Jonathan Smith, Sr., age 71, of Bloomingdale, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021 at his home. David was born September 19, 1949 in Sault Ste. Marie, the son of Claud and Bonnie (Ketchum) Smith and lived the majority of his life in the Bloomingdale, Kalamazoo area. He served with the US Army in Vietnam with the corp of engineers. He was an adventurous person who was willing to take the chance to do spontaneous things. He enjoyed gardening and loved fishing for Brook Trout in the UP and Canada. Other interests included painting, camping and exploring all aspects of history including ancient aliens. He also loved spending time in the outdoors. David and Becky (his wife) spent 10 years traveling across the country as expeditors and learned the true meaning of the song "This Land is My Land." He followed the teachings of Jesus Christ and felt that His words were truth. He was a very loving husband and father. Surviving are his wife, Rebecca L. Smith whom he was devoted to since April 26, 1971; son, David J. (Megan R. LaRue) Smith, Jr. and grandson Adam Wayne Smith of Paw Paw; son, Daniel T. Smith of CT; sister-in-law, Nancy Sather; brother, Timothy L. Smith; and numerous other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents. According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of David and his life will be held Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from 7:30-8:30 PM at Stanley Johnston Park; 202 Dyckman Ave.; South Haven, MI 49090. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **16**. 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Stanley Johnston Park
202 Dyckman Ave.
South Haven, MI 49090

Tribute Wall

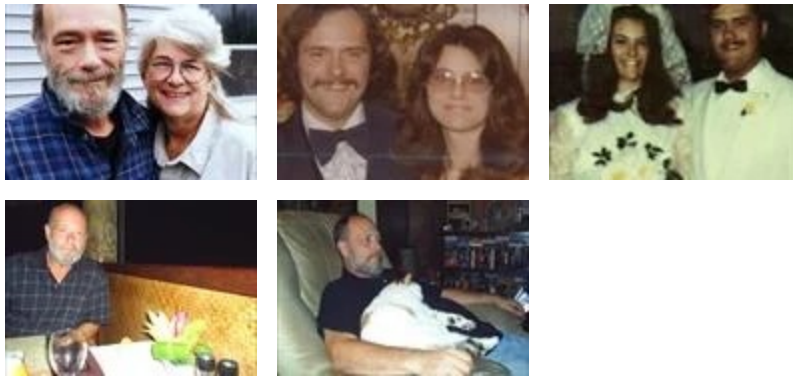
JH

“ We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. You guys have been in our family as far back as I can remember. It was an honor to have him in our lives, and we are all better for it. We will keep him in our memories for all time.

John Harnevious - June 11, 2021 at 09:24 PM

RS

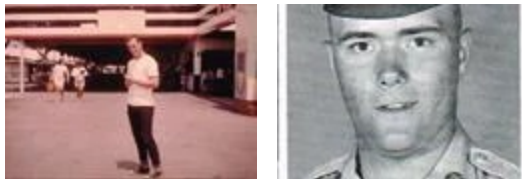
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Smith - June 11, 2021 at 09:11 PM

DJ

“ The first one is of my father at silver beach as a teenager the second is a photo of him while serving in the us army



David smith Jr - June 11, 2021 at 09:10 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rebecca Smith - June 11, 2021 at 09:07 PM

NS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nancy Sather, Sister-n-luv - June 11, 2021 at 09:00 PM

RS

“ 1 file added to the album *My Love, My Life*



Rebecca Smith - June 09, 2021 at 04:43 PM

KO

“ *Becky,
So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a great guy and we had lots of laughs while driving school bus together. Thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.*

Kim Otten - June 09, 2021 at 08:28 AM

NS

“ *Nancy Sather, Sister-n-luv lit a candle in memory of David Jonathan Smith Sr.*



Nancy Sather, Sister-n-luv - June 09, 2021 at 01:30 AM

NS

In my ❤️ forever dear brother. Thank you for your service & for all the love bestowed on my dear sister, your wife.

Nancy Sather, Sister-n-luv - June 11, 2021 at 09:14 PM

RH

“ *Thank you for the holidays growing up n fireworks when wed be over for Independence Day festivities. As a fellow veteran I deeply appreciate your service to our nation as well... "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived." Thank you for having been in our lives David Sr.*

Ross Harnevious - June 08, 2021 at 09:26 PM