



Duane Smith Jr.

August 9, 1925 - March 29, 2015

Duane Smith Jr., age 89, of Gobles, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Duane was born August 9, 1925 in Kalamazoo, the son of Duane and Opal Smith and had lived in the Gobles area his entire life. Duane retired from Brundage Fan in Kalamazoo. He had been a member of the Gobles Tanglefoot square dance club and had served many years on the Van Buren County Fair and 4-H Boards. Surviving are his 4 children, Candy (Jim) Rosenberger of Freemont, OH, Donald (Dawn) Smith of Gobles, Penny (Tim) Marek of Mecosta, Pete (Linda) Smith of Gobles; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Gilberta Evans and Betty Overtacker; 2 brothers, John and Harold Smith. His beloved dog, Foxy Lady. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, a granddaughter, Tiffany Rosenberger, a sister, Joann Smith.

The family will meet friends Tuesday, 5-8 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com, where funeral services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, Pastor Carol Newman officiating. Interment will follow in Robinson Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to either Hospice of South West Michigan or the Van Buren County Youth Fair.

Cemetery Details

Robinson Cemetery

34000 20th Avenue
Gobles, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I only saw Duane one time a year and always enjoyed the conversations with him while waiting for the Memorial Day parade to start. My dad, brother and I always drive our John Deere's in the Memorial Day parade and Duane will greatly missed this year and years to come. Hopefully someone will drive his John Deere in his memory.

Charlie Eastman

Charlie Eastman - March 31, 2015 at 07:42 PM

JS

“ Candy, Don, Penny and Pete...I was so sorry to hear of your loss in the paper this evening...Will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and hoping the support of friends and family will help during this difficult time...Judy (Dillenbeck) Stearns

Judy Stearns - March 31, 2015 at 07:06 PM

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“ Candy, Donnie, Penny Pete, you all are in my prayers. Duane was a great man. He will be dearly missed by all.I pray the Lord gives you all peace comfort and strength for the coming months. God be with you all.

Sandra Sincler - March 31, 2015 at 07:54 AM

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“ Remember visiting the home and how much he supported his family and all the additional kids that walked thru the doors. He was a true blessing and will be missed. My love and prayers go out to the entire Smith family.

carleen kyle - March 30, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Smith Jr..*



March 30, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ *We will be unable to attend the funeral, as we are still in Florida. Our prayers are with all of Duane's family. Duane was such a great Brother-in-law and there are so many great memories of all he has done for me and my family. He will be missed. Love to all. Tom and Betty Rysenga*

Betty Rysenga - March 30, 2015 at 02:35 PM



Our thoughts and prays go out to the whole Smith Family. He was a wonderful man. Thinks of you at this time. Don and Shirley Wesler-Brown and Flossie Wesler.

Shirley Wesler Brown - March 31, 2015 at 05:47 PM