



# James Robert Smith

February 24, 1942 - May 13, 2025

James Robert Smith

Age 83

Gobles

Passed away Tuesday, May 13th, 2025 at Rose Arbor in Kalamazoo. Jim was born February

24, 1942 in Nahma, MI, son of the late Robert and Florence Smith and had lived in the Gobles

area since 1969. Jim had worked as a Quality Inspector at Gibson Guitar for 16 years until the

plant closed. After that Jim went to work at Borden Ink and then later GPI. He had a love and

passion for sports. He played softball for many years but found his true love on the golf course.

He played as often as possible including playing on a league at Cheshire Hills with his son. He

had also coached little league in Gobles for many years. When Jim wasn't playing sports he

could often be found watching it on tv, especially when any of the Detroit teams were on. He

enjoyed yard work and rock collecting. Jim also loved the Lord and was an original member of

Journey Family Church. More than anything though, Jim cherished his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife of nearly 60 years Kristin "Kris"; children, Wendy Jones and Kelly Smith; grandchildren, Cody, Bradley, Jordan and Shane; his aunt, Jacque James and an uncle, Roy James.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Dwight and a sister Wendy.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. The family will meet friends on Friday, May 30th from 10 am until time of memorial service at 11am at Journey Family Church, Gobles.. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Journey Family Church  
514 W. Van Buren St.  
Gobles, MI 49055

### Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Love Chris Stiles-Bingaman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Robert Smith.



Love Chris Stiles-Bingaman - May 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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“ Love Chris Stiles-Bingaman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Robert Smith.

Love Chris Stiles-Bingaman - May 20, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LY

“ Prayers for you Kris and your family. May the Lord carry you and his mercies be new to you.

Lisa Yoder - May 19, 2025 at 01:32 PM

WJ

“ Every memory of my father and my boy's are the best of memories! Your my hero Dad!! I will see you again!



Wendy Jones - May 19, 2025 at 12:30 PM

CB

“ Kris, Wendy and Kelly, I am so sorry to hear about Jim. He was always so friendly to everyone. I can hear his happy voice. Hang on to the good memories. You are all in my prayers. Love, Carol Brill

Carol Brill - May 17, 2025 at 06:46 PM

WJ

*Thank you so very much Mrs. Brill*

**Wendy Jones** - May 19, 2025 at 12:19 PM

WJ

*I will spend the rest of my lifetime waiting to see him again! ❤️🙏❤️*

**Wendy Jones** - May 19, 2025 at 12:24 PM

WJ

*I love you and miss you so much Dad! Your my hero!!*

**Wendy Jones** - May 19, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JD

“*Kris, so sorry to hear of you and your family's loss. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*”



**Jill (Bailey) Dwyer** - May 14, 2025 at 04:14 PM