



## Herbert Dale Smith

February 20, 1944 - January 18, 2022

Smith, Herbert Dale, peacefully passed away January 18, 2022 at 4:52am at Beaumont Farmington Hills, MI surrounded by his family. He retired from General Motors as a forklift driver after 30 years of service. He was born in Pontiac, MI on February 20, 1944. Herb also served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was the son of the late Ralph and Leatta Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandson Troy Daniel Smith and his brother Glen Smith. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Pat) Smith, son and daughter James Douglas (Barb) Smith, Mary (Aaron) Ely-Smith, stepchildren Joy (Robert) Fredrick, Ann Schonken, Fred (Tina) Westerh. Herb and Pat also raised 3 grandchildren as their own Jamie Petty, Shelby Westerh, and Alex Westerh. Herb is also survived by his grandchildren Michael (Mary) Puckett, Heather (Jake) Wiechman, Christopher (Taylor) Smith, Jakob Ely, Avary Ely, Elijah Daniel Smith, and Brady Ely. Great grandchildren, Serah and Austin Puckett, Philip and Averieanna Wiechman, Samantha and Riley Mackey, Malakai and Nikolai Petty, Blair Avery Decker and Oliver David Smith. Herb enjoyed riding Harley's and after his retirement from GM fulfilled his and Pat's dream of traveling all over the country on his Harley. Herb built and programmed his own computer and enjoyed spending much of his free time on it. He was also an avid gun collector, enjoyed reading and spending time with his beloved family. Visitation for family and friends to be held on January 21, 2022 from 3-9pm at Dryer Funeral Home 101 First Street Holly, MI 48442. Burial to be held at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery with pastor

Thomas Tengler officiating. In lieu of flowers family is asking for donations to be made to Veterans Affairs or The American Cancer Society. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herbert Dale Smith*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 21, 2022 at 03:12 PM

JF

*Thank you this is great!*

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**Joy Frederick** - January 21, 2022 at 07:47 PM

HE

“ *I loved going on the bike with him*



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**Heather** - January 21, 2022 at 11:57 AM

HE

“ You will be missed grandpa



Heather - January 21, 2022 at 11:49 AM



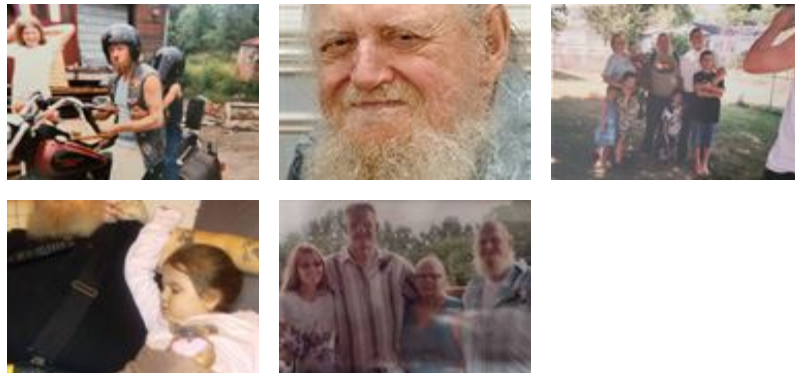
“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Dale Smith.



January 21, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ 17 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 21, 2022 at 11:02 AM



“ Grandpa herb taught me a lot as a kid. I learned about CB radios, Harleys, trucks, campers, computers... We camped a lot! Miss those days!! Grandpa herb was a walking encyclopedia of knowledge, and one of the warmest most welcoming people you will ever know. I feel lucky to have been able to create these memories with Grandpa Herb. You will be missed!

Frank Anderson IV - January 21, 2022 at 06:39 AM

JF

Thank you JJ

Joy Frederick - January 21, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Herbert Dale Smith.



January 20, 2022 at 10:47 PM

BF

“ Bodeker Family lit a candle in memory of Herbert Dale Smith



Bodeker family - January 20, 2022 at 03:24 PM

BF

“ To the Smith Family.... sorry for your loss from Uncle Jerry

Bodeker family - January 20, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CA

“ To all the family, I am sending my deepest condolences. I have known Herb for over 20 years, Joy and I have been more than best friends. We have been family. Which also extended to Herbs family also. Herb and Pat have always made me feel like another daughter to them, along with my kids and their kids, as part of their family. He will always be remembered as a man with a big heart and a loving part of our family. Herb will truly be missed. All my love and sympathy to the family.

Love you all.

Chris Anderson and family.

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**Chris Anderson** - January 20, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JF

Love you sis. 🥰

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**Joy Frederick** - January 21, 2022 at 07:46 PM