



## Brian Kent Smith

August 24, 1948 - September 29, 2024

Brian Kent Smith was born in Davenport, Iowa, on August 24, 1948, to the parents of Cletus and Alma (Kraklio) Smith.

Brian grew up in Bettendorf, Iowa. He graduated from Bettendorf High School in 1966. He completed the four-year A.C. Electricity apprenticeship program specializing in D.C. Power Service technician.

Brian started working at Hubill Incorporated in 1966. He was the service manager and later became the Territorial Sales Manager. Brian enjoyed working with his customers and solving their problems. Many of his customers became his personal friends. Brian was fortunate to be able to hire his son, Paul washing trucks for the company at a young age. Paul began working with his father after high school as a technician. Brian retired after fifty years of employment in 2016.

Brian and Rita were united in marriage on February 10, 1996. They retired to Lake of the Ozarks in 2016, where they met many of their closest friends. Brian and Rita loved to spend their time traveling in their RV, boating and riding in their side by side with friends. Brian loved hanging out on his dock with his ice cream machine, his popcorn machine and plenty of great music. Brian loved cooking for friends and family. And what a sense of humor he had.

After Brian received his double lung transplant in 2021, with some major setbacks, he lost the courageous battle on September 29, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; his brother, Darrell (Anita) Smith of Gilbert, Arizona; his children, Paul Smith of Davenport, Iowa, Todd (Amy) Smith of Davenport, Iowa and Krickette (Jeff) Corson of Rapids City, Illinois; grandchildren, Zachary (Amber), Kennedy, Alexis, Parker (Jordan), Alec, Kaiden and Baylor; great-grandchild, Briar; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother, Larry Smith and his sister, Wilma Atkinson.

Brian would like to acknowledge his very close relationship with Steve and Dawn Kraklio.

A special thank you to Ed and Sandy Warden for all their support. We would also like to thank all the special friends that helped take care of Brian and Rita. You know who you are.

A celebration of life will be held at Tres Hombres Restaurant, 8779 Missouri Highway 5 in Greenview, Missouri on Saturday, October 5th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting any donations be made to Ozarks Kat and K9 Shelter in Sunrise Beach.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tres Hombres  
8779 Missouri Highway 5  
Camdenton, MO 65020

# Tribute Wall

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“*Brian and Rita were THE BEST neighbors. Brian had a heart of gold and always greeted our boys with a beaming smile and us with a drink! Brian and Rita’s dock was always the life of the cove...full of lake “toys”, hospitality, cocktails, music, fun and joy! They watched our boys grow and were always so excited to see them and so encouraging too. We have so many amazing memories. We were blessed to have known Brian and Rita. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rita and their whole family. Love and deepest sympathy...  
The McCracken Family: Jay, April, Sam and Chili*

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**April McCracken** - October 01, 2024 at 10:30 PM

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“*Nobody was more full of life than baby brother Brian. So many memories thru the years but the best of times was visiting at the Lake and to spend time with our great sister-in-law Rita. Thank goodness my albums contain lots of pictures of Brian & all the kids, etc.. The biggest adventure with him was the Limo Service, White Rose. It became so successful we had to sell it ! So long dear Brother. Have a good time joking around with Larry when you see him & tell him hi from us. Love to the whole family, Darrell & Anita*

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**Darrell Smith** - October 01, 2024 at 09:29 PM

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“ Brian was a “Jack of all Trades”. He could fix anything and usually had the parts to do so... stuffed in a box, on a shelf, somewhere in a closet or the garage. I learned something every time I visited. He loved his entire family deeply and always welcomed the opportunity to entertain them and their friends in his “little piece of heaven” on the lake. And entertaining... he was!!! He fought like heck and was so fortunate to have Rita fighting alongside. I will miss him and pray his loving family find peace. I know HE is now at peace. 🙏

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**Jeff Corson** - October 01, 2024 at 07:34 PM