



## Gary A. Smith

November 5, 1943 - August 6, 2020

### GARY SMITH

Gary A. Smith, age 76, of Versailles, Missouri, passed away, August 6, 2020 at his home after a lengthy, painful struggle due to an accident in 1993. Gary is now free of the pain he has endured for so many years. He was born in Springfield, Missouri to Kenneth and Violet Smith on November 5, 1943.

Gary lived his life loving to serve people in many ways. His passion was law enforcement in which he began his law enforcement career as a young man. Gary also worked for Continental Trailways and Tiona Truckline.

Gary always said the thing that made him happiest was to be able to share with those who had a need. He very freely shared with people not out of sympathy but out of love and he was often heard saying, "I can't take it with me so I want to share what God has allowed me to have." He endured physical pain for many years but felt he was blessed in many ways.

Gary was a member of The Versailles Church of Christ and very passionate about the souls of the people he met inside and outside of the church.

Gary is survived by Brenda Smith of the home; a son, Gary A. Smith, Jr. (Tiffany) of St. Peters, Missouri; three step-sons, Mike Stotlemire (Anna) of

Chillicothe, Ohio, Eric Homan (Carrie) of Sedalia, Missouri and Mark Homan (Tammy) of Sedalia, Missouri; grandchildren, Stephen Smith, Jenna Smith, Justin Mueller (Rachel), Carl Franklin Taylor (Kelly); a great-granddaughter; nine step-grandchildren; extended grandsons, Cory, Brody, Bryce and Brayden; a special aunt, Lucy and cousin Cindy (Bill) of Springfield, Missouri; brother-in-law, Bill Combs of Jefferson City, Missouri and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Eve Mueller Sauerwein; brother, Kenny Smith; step-daughter, Debra Upham; brother-in-law, Jim Combs and Whitey and Juanita Combs whom he loved dearly and considered to be his “other” parents.

A special thank you to Dr. Wouters and his staff at Hermitage Medical Clinic, Hospice Compassus, Dr. Brenda Nairin, D.C. and the Versailles Pharmacy for your assistance with disability, pain and suffering. A special thank you to Keith Homan and P.J. Franse for their willingness to assist on a moment’s notice. A special thank you to a dear friend and brother in Christ, Dave Roberts. Also, to the “circle of friends” in the Hermitage Community who helped in so many ways and dear friends since being back to our home in Versailles.

Graveside services with social distancing being observed, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Versailles Cemetery. Due to Covid-19 concerns, in lieu of a traditional visitation, friends may call at the funeral home to sign the guest book and pay respects from noon to 3:30 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home (the family will not be present).

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Compassus.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.



# Cemetery Details

## Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

Versailles Cemetery  
550 Clay Road  
Versailles, MO 65084

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *Barbara Corey lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith*



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**Barbara Corey** - August 16, 2020 at 02:10 AM

BC

“ *Brenda,*

*God hath not promised skies always blue, flower strewn pathwaysw  
all our lives through;*

*God hath not promised sun without rain; joy with sorrow, peace  
without pain.*

*God hath not promised we shall not know toil and temptation,  
trouble and woe;*

*He hath not told us we shall not bear many a burden, many a care.*

*God hath not promised smooth roads and wide, swift, easy travel  
needing no guide, Never a mountain, rocky and steep, never a river  
turbid and deep.*

*But God promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the  
way, grace for trails, help from above, unfailing sympathy and  
undying love.*

*Sending love and deepest condolences to you on Gary's passing.*

*Love you,  
Barb Corey*

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**Barbara Corey** - August 16, 2020 at 02:09 AM

AN

“ Our family has always thought the world of Gary . Bob & Gary have been friends for so many years and have shared many memories over trucking. Sorry we couldn't make it but with Bobs health we was unable to come.

Brenda our thoughts and prayers are with you our friend. We loved you both like family.

Bob & Lana Campbell

Richard & Angela Campbell Young



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**Angela** - August 13, 2020 at 05:45 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Anita Bumgardner** - August 13, 2020 at 01:00 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Anita Bumgardner** - August 13, 2020 at 12:57 PM

TS

“ Tony & Missy Stephens lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith



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**Tony & Missy Stephens** - August 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

BW

“ Bill & Teresa Wiecken lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith



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**Bill & Teresa Wiecken** - August 12, 2020 at 08:22 PM

AB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**ANITA BUMGARDNER** - August 11, 2020 at 01:42 PM

NL

“ Nita Loganbill lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith



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**Nita Loganbill** - August 10, 2020 at 10:26 PM

JP

“ I worked with Gary as a Deputy when he was Sheriff of Morgan County. He was a great person and friend. I really enjoyed my time working at the Sheriff's office but when it came time for me to move on to a new law enforcement opportunity he supported me 100%. He knew I was just trying to better myself so when I moved to the Kansas City area and graduated from the Kansas City Police Academy he was there at graduation to support me. He was just a great guy and a really good person.

We remained great friends the entire time I knew him. When I decided to go to pharmacy school, he supported that decision as well. When I opened the pharmacy in Versailles he was one of the first patients to come, both him and Brenda. He really wanted everyone to succeed at whatever they did. He was just a good person.

When he was injured in a work accident it really affected him and he was in a great deal of pain. He had trouble with ordinary things due to the great pain he was in and it really changed his life. It really did not seem fair for this to happen to such a good person. It was tough to see how it affected him.

Brenda you stayed there right by his side and took tremendous care of him. I know he is at peace and pain free now. Gary you will truly be missed and I will think about you often. I will look back very fondly of all the times we had and all the great laughs and talks. Fly high with the angels my friend. Till we meet again.

*Jim Stepp, PharmD*

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**Jim Stepp, PharmD** - August 10, 2020 at 09:15 PM

BS

*Thank you Jim for your dedication and caring.*

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**Brenda Smith** - August 11, 2020 at 12:38 AM

AB

“ A million thank you's to this man for loving us, and taking Brody under his wing. Such a fine man that I loved so much. More family than friends. We will miss you so much G, the talks, the laughs, and the advice. We love you. Fly high. Our hearts are broken, but know that you aren't in pain anymore.



**ANITA BUMGARDNER** - August 09, 2020 at 09:35 PM

LS

“ Such a great guy.



**lisa schlegel** - August 09, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Jared Bellis lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith



**Jared Bellis** - August 09, 2020 at 07:01 PM

JD

“ Jim And Kathy Davenport lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith



**Jim and Kathy Davenport** - August 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DB

“ *David Baumgartner lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith*



David Baumgartner - August 09, 2020 at 04:48 PM

DH

“ *Darren Hilgar lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith*



Darren Hilgar - August 09, 2020 at 01:28 PM

LF

“ *Lena Hicks Flaughter lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith*



Lena Hicks Flaughter - August 09, 2020 at 11:06 AM

MM

“ *Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Smith*



Michele Miller - August 09, 2020 at 08:44 AM