



## Richard Eldon Smith

November 7, 2010

Richard Eldon Smith, age 57, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, passed away Sunday, November 7, 2010, at his home surrounded by his wife and family. He was born March 12, 1953, in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of Carroll and Helen Watson Smith.

On July 20, 2007, in Camden County, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Deidre Lux, who survives of the home.

Rick was a retired member of Heat and Frost Insulators Local Union #27, which he loved. He was a member for 38 years holding numerous offices.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Sunrise Beach, and was an Eagle Scout, Troop 133, through the Roanoke Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Rick was a devoted family man and avid sports fan, especially the Kansas City Chiefs, the Missouri Tigers and NASCAR. He loved Sponge Bob, and was a big kid at heart, especially when it came to playing with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Deidre, he is survived by his sons, Eric Richard Smith and wife Erin of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Joshua Cameron Smith of

Grandview, Missouri; his daughters, Amie Michelle Smith of Plano, Texas, April Marie Svec and husband Mike of St. Louis, Missouri, and Ashley Anne Lux of Omaha, Nebraska; four grandchildren, Justin Smith, Cameron Smith, Brendan Smith, and Olivia Svec; his parents, Carroll and Helen Smith of Sunrise Beach, Missouri; his brother, Mark Joseph Smith and wife Susan of Peculiar, Missouri; three sisters, Vickie Carol McElhany and husband Bud of Peculiar, Missouri, Deborah Kay Leshner of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Rhonda Lea Burgess and husband Joe of Kaiser, Missouri; seven nephews; four great-nephews; three great-nieces; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Mildred Diggs and Mildred Thomas.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 11, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Chaplain Bart Larson officiating. Interment will follow in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to "Haley's Helpers", to support Down's Syndrome research in honor of Rick's great-niece with Down's Syndrome. The mailing address for the memorial contributions is, 777 Brush Creek Road, Sunrise Beach, Missouri, 65079. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.