



Denny R. "Denny" Smith

June 20, 1946 - September 11, 2020

Dennis R. "Denny" Smith, age 74, of Bourbonnais Friday, September 11, 2020 at AMITA St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born June 20, 1946 in Kankakee, the son of Rollo & Agnes Smith. Dennis married Dorothy VanDeren in 1971. She preceded him in death in 2003. He married Sharon Keller on December 12, 2012.

Denny was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from 1966-1968 in Germany.

He was a member of the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. Denny achieved the Duty to God and Country award, Order of the Arrow, and Eagle Scout Rank.

He worked on the railroad as an Engineer for 14 years. He retired from Shapiro Developmental Center in Kankakee as a Mental Health Technician. Denny enjoyed fishing, golfing, traveling, and hunting pheasants. He also served as a guide in hunting. Denny loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be sadly missed by all.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Smith of Bourbonnais; one son, Michael (Amy) Smith of Bourbonnais; one granddaughter, Maia Smith; one step-son, Scott (Terri) Soucie of CO; one step-daughter, Crystal Keller of Bourbonnais; two step-grandsons, Cavan (Jessie) Keller and Dylan Haskins. In addition to his first wife, Dorothy VanDeren, Denny is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Kathy.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Please sign his guestbook at www.clancygernon.com.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Sympathy to all who mourn the loss of Denny. Great fun, many good times outside in the sun - He will be sorely missed.
Chris Buhr

Chris Buhr - September 16, 2020 at 08:26 AM

SB

“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Your in our prayers.

Steve & Renee Byarley - September 15, 2020 at 11:09 PM

BO

“ 50 years my friend. rest in peace . BOB.

BOB - September 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM

GC

“ I have lots of great memories working with Denny at Penn Central & Conrail Rail Roads. He had the reputation as the strongest man on the RR. Nobody could beat him at arm wrestling. On one trip to Elkhart, there was a derailment on the mainline that side lined us. We put the train in a siding and had to walk the entire length of the train, not easy to do with our Grips (suitcase). When he wasn't looking I put a large softball sized rock in his Grip. For some reason, Denny kept changing hands as we walked. When we got to the taxi cab, I managed to remove the stone without him knowing it. Good thing.. He would have thrown it at me! That's just one of hundreds of memories. I really enjoyed working with him. George Coulthard

George Coulthard - September 15, 2020 at 12:10 PM

SC

Rest in peace, Denny.

Scott Cardosi - September 16, 2020 at 06:10 PM

MR

“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of Denny R. "Denny" Smith*



Monica Rocha - September 15, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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Condolences to his family from Monica Rocha and family

Monica Rocha - September 15, 2020 at 12:04 PM