



Howard "Dale" Smith

August 23, 1941 - September 2, 2020

Howard "Dale" Smith, age 79, of Kankakee, met his Savior on September 2nd, 2020 at his home. He was born August 23rd, 1941 in Charleston, MO to Harvey and Pauline "Newsom" Smith. Dale married his first wife, Joyce Beegle on April 12, 1963. From this marriage, Dale is survived by his daughter Tina Akers of Arizona; his son Howard Smith Jr. (Sue) of Arizona; daughters Tracy (Joe) Lagacy of Pontiac, and Taunya (Michael Denoyer) Smith of Danforth; brother Larry (Lois) Smith of Naples, FL; two sisters-in-law; Linda Wood and Sharon Beegle; two brothers-in-law; Gary and Gregory Beegle, ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Dale married Penelope Nelson on October 18, 1991 in Bradley. Dale is survived by his son, Keith (Arlene) Reel of Bourbonnais; daughter, Rebecca (Tim) Carter of TN; son, Brad (Ann) Reel of IN; daughter, Katey (Eric) Compton of Homer Glen; ten grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. Dale is preceded in death by his parents; wives, Joyce Beegle; Penelope Nelson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Andrew and Jerry Beegle; two brothers, David "Earl" Smith and Gary Smith; and one sister, Linda Froelich. Dale proudly served in the U.S. Navy from January 5, 1959, until he was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of BM3 on Sept 1st, 1962. During his time in the Navy, he served on the U.S.S. Purdy and completed two Mediterranean tours. He worked for Roper Corporation for twenty years, and then worked in maintenance at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno for twenty years until he retired in 2005. Dale was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

He enjoyed gardening, yardwork and liked his crossword puzzles. Most of all, Dale loved spending time with family. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 5th, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Hertz Funeral home In Kankakee from 1PM until the time of the service at 2PM. Reverend Brandon Carter will officiate the service. Burial will take place at Aroma Park cemetery immediately following the service. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care. As per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required for attendance of the services.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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