



## James E. Smith

June 25, 1938 - April 27, 2015

James E. Smith, age 76, of Huntington, died at 3:00 a.m. Monday (April 27, 2015) at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday (April 30, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday (May 1, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Paul Hirschy officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Lion's Club Eye Bank, Huntington County Baseball, or American Heart Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Jim was born on June 25, 1938 in Huntington County, the son of Fred W. and Annetta G. (Bartrom) Smith. He graduated from Bippus High School in 1956 and married Brema J. Altman on June 28, 1959 at Huntington. Jim worked at Schacht Rubber Company for five years, Memcor for 11 years, Curtin Productions for five years, and retired from Hiner Transport as general manager after 27 years. He was a member of Huntington Church of the Brethren, where he was past chairman of Stewards Commission and served on various other committees. He was a member of Huntington Jaycees, in which he held chairmanships at both the state and local level and was Director of the Year in 1970. Jim was Past President of Huntington Lions Club,

Kiwanis Club, Industrial Management Council, South Side Business Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Huntington County Rural Sewer District, and Bel Air Association. He also served on United Way and as a member of both FOP and Indiana Motor Truck Association. He was a member of Moose Lodge #837 in Huntington. He participated in YMCA Indian Guides and was a board member on Huntington County Baseball for many years. He coached Kim League, Pony League, and Little League for 18 years. Jim was an avid golfer, and it could possibly be said that he was the biggest IU fan in Huntington County.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years - Brema J. Smith of Huntington; two sons - Parke E. (Beth Ann) Smith of Leesburg and Price A. (Connie) Smith of Huntington; one brother - Jon W. (Christine) Smith of Fort Wayne; two sisters - Peggy Stahl and Jean (Don) Johnson, both of Huntington; five grandchildren - Nathan Moore, Nicole (Jason) Lang, Alan (Erin) Moore, Desiree Hartwig, and Tristan Criss; and eight great grandchildren - Harrison Moore, Emmelin Moore, Cooper Moore, Kate Moore, Ryan Lang, Pippa Lang, Dayton Hartwig, and Zara Chiocchio. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother - Jan A. Smith.

# Cemetery Details

## Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35  
Marion, IN 46952

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Service

**MAY 1.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James E. Smith



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - April 29, 2015 at 03:49 PM

JK

“ Brema and Family:

*Like others, Cathy and I were shocked to hear about Jim. We wanted you to know how much we enjoyed talking with you down at the Village Inn. You two were always in good spirits and a pleasure to visit with.*

*Jim was unique. He was always sporting a good mood, and always a smile. We were unable to make it to the viewing as Cathy and I are very busy taking care of things since her father passed away several weeks ago. We did want you know how much we thought of both Jim and you.*

*With his passing, the world has lost yet another merry prankster. We give our best as you and your family move forward.*

*John "Scoop" Klingenberger  
Cathy Copper*

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**John Klingenberger** - May 04, 2015 at 12:03 PM

DT

“ *Of all the people we did business with Jim was a personal favorite. He always had a smile and went out of his way to make sure we received the service that was expected.*  
*Dave Tangeman - Isolated International.*

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**David Tangeman** - May 01, 2015 at 03:22 PM

PW

“ *I am sorry for your loss...Jim will be missed*  
*Peggy Wells*



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**peggy wells** - May 01, 2015 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ *Brema and Family, Mark and I have been praying for all of you through this time of losing Jim. He was such a genuinely good and kind man. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. Continued prayers for all of you.*  
*Mark and Carol Stouder*



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**Mark and Carol Stouder** - May 01, 2015 at 08:29 AM

BW

“ *Brad Welty lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Brad Welty** - May 01, 2015 at 08:15 AM

TC

“ Tammy Caley lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Tammy Caley - April 30, 2015 at 07:48 PM

TC

*I will miss that smile and the way he always made me feel so special...My thoughts and prayers are with the Smith family*

Tammy Caley - April 30, 2015 at 07:49 PM

RM

*Brema and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim, his smile and happy disposition will be remembered fondly. Ron and Peggy Mang*

Ron and Peggy Mang - May 01, 2015 at 05:11 PM

SA

“ Steve And Tammy Allred sent a virtual gift in memory of James E. Smith



Steve and Tammy Allred - April 30, 2015 at 11:53 AM

MZ

“ Brema, Boys, so sorry for your loss. He was a great man. Thoughts & Prayers for you and the Families. Sincere Sympathy. Madalyn Zinsmeister

Madalyn Zinsmeister - April 30, 2015 at 10:50 AM

EB

“ You will be missed Smitty---Love you man. You were always a bright spot in my day when I saw you. Rest in peace. Hope the golf courses are nice and you are out there playing.



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**Ed Beckner** - April 30, 2015 at 10:21 AM

RB

“ I just found out of Mr. Smith's passing. I would like to express my condolences to the entire Smith family. I was always happy to see Mr. Smith and would stop to speak with him for a minute or two. To Parke and Price, your dad was a very nice man who always had a smile. He will be missed by many.  
-Randy Borskey

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**Randy Borskey** - April 30, 2015 at 09:18 AM

PG

“ Penny Bartrom Gribler lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



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**penny bartrom gribler** - April 30, 2015 at 02:21 AM

WM

“ Wayne McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



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**Wayne McLaughlin** - April 29, 2015 at 09:55 PM

BO

“ *Bob & Ginny Overholser lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



Bob & Ginny Overholser - April 29, 2015 at 07:17 PM

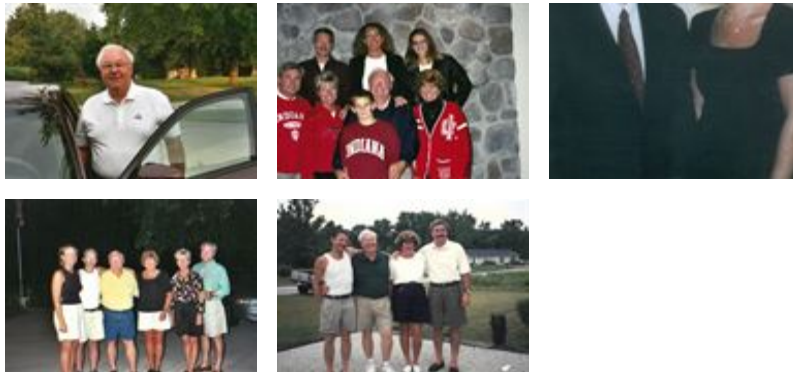
KH

“ *Dear Brema and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was a wonderful man, always full of joy and laughter, and so welcoming and friendly. I know you will miss him dearly. I always loved working with him as we crossed paths in various capacities. I will miss the viewing as I will be in Michigan preparing for my sister's memorial service. She passed in December. But please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness and adjustment.  
Sincerely,  
Kris Hittler*

Kris Hittler - April 29, 2015 at 05:12 PM

ByL

“ *25 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - April 29, 2015 at 03:48 PM

TS

“ *Bonfire and IU Calendars!*

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**Tim & Kama Strombeck** - April 29, 2015 at 09:19 AM

LI

“ *Praying for you and your family. Love, Lindsay Stratman*

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**lindsay** - April 29, 2015 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ *Price,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was a  
good man, of which we have too few of in this world.*

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**John S. Septer** - April 29, 2015 at 07:18 AM

SW

“ *Sharlene Wetendorf lit a candle in memory of  
James E. Smith*



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**Sharlene Wetendorf** - April 28, 2015 at 06:23 PM

NS

“ *Brema and boys, deepest sympathy to you in your loss. Jim always  
had a nice smile and wave whenever we passed him in our  
neighborhood. He was a real nice guy and will surely be missed by  
all who knew him. Nelson and Rosemary Schoeff*

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**Nelson & Rosemary Schoeff** - April 28, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of James E. Smith.* ”



April 28, 2015 at 02:22 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Smith.* ”



April 28, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Jeneva Giant lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith* ”



**Jeneva Giant** - April 28, 2015 at 11:29 AM



“ *Joyce Fryman lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith* ”



**Joyce Fryman** - April 28, 2015 at 09:24 AM

AF

“ *Ann Freds lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Ann Freds** - April 28, 2015 at 09:06 AM

AF

*Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with him. Will miss him at the "VI". Love and prayers to Brema.*

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**Ann Freds** - April 28, 2015 at 09:08 AM

DC

*Brema and family: So sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great person and always enjoyed seeing him. Always had a smile. Don always enjoyed seeing him at the Hiner breakfast. Sorry we won't be able to attend the services. Don has medical appointments. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Don & Nonda Crocker** - April 28, 2015 at 02:28 PM

LE

*Brema and family, I'm so sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. My, what fun times we had at all the IMTA Conventions! I will not forget that smile or laughter that was so genuine. Thinking about you, Lori Elder*

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**Lori L Elder** - April 29, 2015 at 08:33 AM

TC

“ I remember when I was about 10 or 11 years old and I was playing on a traveling baseball team with Price in Columbia City. I rode with the Smith family to the game. On the way home we stopped at the Dairy Queen for dinner and I didn't have any money. I was hungry and since I didn't have any money I didn't order anything.....Mr. Smith pulled me aside and said you must be hungry why don't you get something to eat....I told him I didn't have any money and he said "get up there and order something to eat it's my treat". That simple act of kindness has stuck with me after all these years and in turn, I've copied it numerous times since then. I've never forgotten how much that meant to me. It's funny....I don't remember if we won any games that day or not but I vividly remember how kind Mr. Smith was to me that day. Jim was a great role model and even though he never knew it, that simple act had a profound impact on me. I am positive that Jim was a great father and an even better grand father...you were lucky to have him. What an awesome guy. God bless Jim, Brema, Park, Price and the entire Smith Family during this difficult time.

Tim Coates

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Tim Coates CPA, CMA, CFE - April 28, 2015 at 09:02 AM

SL

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Jim was an amazing person and always had a smile on his face. He will be dearly missed.



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Shaun and Lisa Leffler - April 28, 2015 at 08:26 AM

MS

“ *Brema and Family, So sorry for your loss.  
Mary Jo and Monte Schenkel*



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**MARY SCHENKEL** - April 28, 2015 at 08:08 AM

KW

“ *wonderful wonderful man who was so full of  
life. Jim always had a smile to share and a  
kind word. Heaven received a great man.*



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**Kim White** - April 28, 2015 at 06:53 AM

KS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Brema. Jim was a great  
man. I will always remember how great a friend he was to my dad,  
Gene Frame. They coached little league together for years and  
arguably my dad was the biggest IU fan ever! He will be missed!!  
Kim (Frame) Schauwecker*

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**Kim Schauwecker** - April 28, 2015 at 06:38 AM

RF

“ *Rhonda Bauer Kattau & Family lit a candle in  
memory of James E. Smith*



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**Rhonda Bauer Kattau & Family** - April 28, 2015 at 05:17 AM

RK

*So many memories....so many smiles. Yesterday a patient told me I had cold hands ...yes, it made me smile.  
My thoughts are with you Brema, Parke, and Price.*

Rhonda Bauer Kattau - April 29, 2015 at 08:01 AM

PG

*“ Jim was a great friend to a lot of people He was always there when you needed advice. He was a great Mentor for the drivers at Hiner Transport. He will be greatly missed.*

Pam & Arden Grube - April 28, 2015 at 04:26 AM

TK

*“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the family. Jim was a great person and will be sadly missed by all.*

Terry and Pat Kelsey - April 28, 2015 at 12:27 AM

TF

*“ The Ez Williams Family lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



The Ez Williams Family - April 27, 2015 at 10:10 PM

CS

*“ Oh what a great lose! Jim was a great guy. He was one of my dad's (Gene Frame) best friends. Always went out of his way to make anyone feel special. My heart goes out to Brema , Park & Price & the rest of Jims family. May you all find peace in the coming days & always! I am sure Jim & Dad will be talking about baseball. Chris (Frame) Scheerer*

Chris (Frame) Scheerer - April 27, 2015 at 10:01 PM

TW

“ *The Smiths: Jon, Christine, ,Chris, Carissa, Mike & Wendy purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of James E. Smith.*



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**The Smiths: Jon, Christine, ,Chris, Carissa, Mike & Wendy -**  
April 27, 2015 at 09:50 PM

CH

“ *Thinking of you at this time. Praying for all of the Smith family. The Larry Hoch and Norma Carroll Families.*



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**Catherine hoch** - April 27, 2015 at 09:00 PM

RM

“ *Ricky Millington lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Ricky Millington** - April 27, 2015 at 08:29 PM

BJ

“ *Barb Jones lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Barb Jones** - April 27, 2015 at 08:22 PM

RP

“ *Ron And Vicki Pearson lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Ron and Vicki Pearson** - April 27, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ *I remember Jim and Ray as my basketball coaches on Kim League..Hoosiers....RIPJim...you will surely be missed by many!!!!*

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**Michael Bracht** - April 27, 2015 at 08:01 PM

CS

“ *What an awesome man! Always a smile! You will be missed!*



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**Candy Smith** - April 27, 2015 at 07:53 PM

MR

“ *Jim was a great guy to work with and to share your concerns with.....he will be missed in the world, but Heaven sure got a great Angel. RIP Jim Smith*

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**Marcia Ruschhaupt** - April 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM

Eric  
Garber

“ *Eric Garber lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Eric Garber** - April 27, 2015 at 07:32 PM

BF

“ *Beverly Johnson & Family lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Beverly Johnson & family** - April 27, 2015 at 07:12 PM

NW

“ *Berma and family I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Jim and enjoyed working with him at Hiner's and the many hours we worked on Tri Kappa events. My thoughts.and prayers are being sent . Love Nancy Zahn-White*

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**Nancy (Zahn) White** - April 27, 2015 at 07:09 PM

RF

“ *We are thinking of you all during this difficult time. Rick & Marcia Forrester*

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**Rick Forrester** - April 27, 2015 at 07:08 PM

PJ

“ *Our loss and heaven's gain. It was always a joy whenever Jim was around. I am sooo very sorry for your loss. I got to know Jim while working at community state bank beside Hiner Leasing. I appreciated him looking out for me while working there.*

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**Pat Johnson** - April 27, 2015 at 06:44 PM

MM

“ *Jim was a truly nice guy and will be missed by all who knew him. You have my sympathy.*  
*Mary Etta Sands McDaniel*



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**Mary Etta McDaniel** - April 27, 2015 at 06:15 PM

DG

“ *Dean & BELLE GARRETT lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Dean & BELLE GARRETT** - April 27, 2015 at 05:48 PM

TA

“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family at this time of loss*

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**Terry and Connie Abbett** - April 27, 2015 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ *Jim was a wonderful person and fun to be around. My sympathy to his family.*

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**Jim Smith** - April 27, 2015 at 05:37 PM

TH

“ *The Harlan's lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**The Harlan's** - April 27, 2015 at 05:26 PM

AF

“ *Aunt Dixie and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James E. Smith.*



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**Aunt Dixie and family** - April 27, 2015 at 05:03 PM

CN

“ *Connie Mickley Nosker lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Connie Mickley Nosker** - April 27, 2015 at 04:43 PM

RO

“ *Rita Odquist lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**rita odquist** - April 27, 2015 at 04:33 PM

RO

“ Jim will be missed dearly. A dear man who always had a smile on his face and a great boss. I loved working for him. Prayers for his wife and family.

rita odquist - April 27, 2015 at 04:32 PM

DW

“ I worked with Jim for several years at Hiner Transport. He took his job as General Manager very seriously. He was kind and thoughtful of others, always ready to help if you needed it. Will miss you Jim.  
Delane Weaver

Dave-Delane Weaver - April 27, 2015 at 04:28 PM

PJ

“ We remember Jim as a caring, involved, humble person with a great sense of humor. Together he and Brema raised a family to be proud of. Jim always had a smile and was easy to talk to. His stories about coaching, playing golf, and his life experiences are memorable, and left us laughing. He will be remembered and missed. We thank him for his friendship and all he made possible for us.  
Paul and Cassie James

Paul James - April 27, 2015 at 04:06 PM

SR

“ Steve And May Rodgers lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Steve and May Rodgers - April 27, 2015 at 04:03 PM

GG

“ Gary And Diane Gearhart lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Gary and Diane Gearhart - April 27, 2015 at 02:59 PM

RN

“ Renee Ness lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Renee Ness - April 27, 2015 at 02:49 PM

JT

“ Joan L Tardy lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Joan L Tardy - April 27, 2015 at 01:46 PM

RC

“ Ron Clabaugh lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Ron Clabaugh - April 27, 2015 at 01:16 PM

TT

“ Thomas Tallman lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



Thomas Tallman - April 27, 2015 at 01:11 PM

TT

*Jim was just a good man he always had a great smile all the time.*

Thomas Tallman - April 27, 2015 at 01:13 PM

TG

“ Jim was a wonderful, caring person. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Tom and Sarah Gearhart*

TOM AND SARAH GEARHART - April 27, 2015 at 12:59 PM

TG

“ TOM AND SARAH GEARHART lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith



TOM AND SARAH GEARHART - April 27, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JB

“ Oh my, what a great man. Jim always had a kind word and was interested in what was going on in your life. I loved visiting with him when he came to Nicks for lunch. He will be missed.

Jean Anne Bailey - April 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM

CW

“ *Cheryl Warner lit a candle in memory of James E. Smith*



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**Cheryl Warner** - April 27, 2015 at 11:28 AM