



Lyle R. Smith

January 7, 1950 - January 26, 2020

Lyle R. Smith, age 70, of Huntington, died Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Markle Health and Rehabilitation. He was diagnosed with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD) in 2011. This affected his language and communication skills. This diagnosis was complicated by yet another diagnosis of Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) that also affects language in the brain. By 2015, he lost all ability to speak after the death of his daughter Sherie.

Visitation will be from 3 – 7 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2020 at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Pastor Dennis Miller, Pastor Kent Kotesky, and Pastor Gary Dilley will officiate. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County.

Preferred memorials are to Emmanuel Community Church Children's Ministry, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Lyle was born on January 7, 1950 in Huntington, the son of Robert G. "Bob" and M. Lucille (McCoskey) Smith. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1968 and married Susan G. Cox on June 14, 1970 in Huntington. Lyle began working in the Smith Furniture family business at age 13 and was one

of the third-generation owners. He retired in 2010 after 47 years in the family business. He served as a Reserve City and County Police officer for ten years and was on the board of directors for Crime Stoppers. He was a member of Emmanuel Community Church in Fort Wayne and served on the board of directors for Camp Cotubic; he was also a member of Fishers of Men, a national Christ-centered bass tournament organization. He was a member of the Bassmasters and F.L.W. and he fished many local open tournaments and was a longtime member of the Ye Olde Tackle Box team in North Webster. Lyle organized fishing derbys for Emmanuel Community Church, giving many children and their parents the opportunity to learn and participate in the art of fishing. He was active in the men's group of Emmanuel Community Church and helped with the Wednesday night Children's program at the church for several years. He was a volunteer for Parkview Huntington Hospital for five years. He raced motorcycles as a teenager. Along with his passion for bass fishing, he also enjoyed watching NASCAR. He was a member of the Antique Car Club and the REO Club of America.

Survivors include his wife of almost 50 years, Susan G. Smith of Huntington, his father, Bob Smith of Huntington, brothers Edward A. (Nancy) Smith of Huntington, Mark L. (Diane) Smith of Verona, Wisconsin, and Todd N. (Lisa) Smith of Huntington, and a sister, Dawn R. (Douglas) Hinthorn of Huntington. He is preceded in death by his mother, M. Lucille Smith and his daughter, Sherie S. Smith Hughes.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Memory

11201 S. Marion Road 35
Marion, IN 46952

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 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

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - January 29, 2020 at 02:53 PM

TS

“ To Lyle's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.



Terry E Scher - March 21, 2020 at 09:52 PM

SH

“ Susan I am so very sorry for your loss! Lyle was such a nice person. Prayers for strength and peace for you ❤️

Susan Hiple - February 01, 2020 at 09:17 PM

CC

“ Sue

*We are very sad for the loss of Lyle. I can only imagine what a hard road you and your family have endured these past years. May the grace of God bless you and be with you to help live life to the fullest .We are only on this earth for a short time, but will be in God's life forever. I am sorry to not have been there this week, but have kept you in my prayers and thoughts.
Charlie & Judy*

Charlie Cox - January 31, 2020 at 07:04 PM

RB

“ Randy Borskey lit a candle in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Randy Borskey - January 31, 2020 at 10:53 AM

AC

“ Susan, Prayers for God to give you comfort and peace through this time. I'm so thankful for the hope that we have through belief in Jesus that he is healed and enjoying his heavenly reward! He will be missed by many.

Ann and Chris Carmien - January 30, 2020 at 03:40 PM

MH

“ Susan, I didn't know your husband, but I wish I had!!!! What a wonderful servant of God. I will be praying for you during this difficult time and the days to come. Love, Marti Hoppus ECC member

Marti Hoppus - January 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM

KE

“ Mike and I will never forget your kind demeanor and laugh. We will also fondly remember catching a fish at the condo! Your smile said it all. Susan you are in our prayers.. ❤️

Kathy and Mike Eby - January 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.



January 30, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.



January 30, 2020 at 08:50 AM

CG

“ Caroline Gernand-Runyan lit a candle in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Caroline Gernand-Runyan - January 29, 2020 at 08:41 PM

JS

“ Lyle was my and Jim Smith's walking partner for many years. We walked 2 miles daily Monday through Friday. This was in Huntington High School Gym at 5: 00 AM in the morning. Lyle was a fun companion and had a hearty laugh and a great sense of humor. He would tell stories of the furniture world and his tenure as a special Policeman. I pray for Lyles soul and God Bless his family. Jim Shockley

Jim Shockley - January 29, 2020 at 08:30 PM



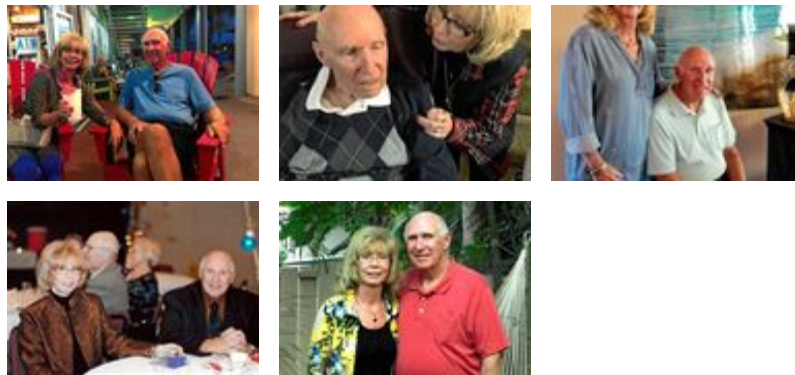
“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.



January 29, 2020 at 04:45 PM

BL

“ 28 files added to the album LifeTributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - January 29, 2020 at 02:55 PM

HP

“ *Sending prayers to you and your family Lyle was a very nice person and so very kind to everyone*



Homer and Vicki Patrick - January 29, 2020 at 07:51 AM

SF

“ *As a child Uncle Lyle would always make us laugh, while the last few years it was us making me laugh with our silliness.*



Sonya Foraker - January 29, 2020 at 06:12 AM

CB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Lyle's passing and his health problems the past few years. Susan you have my deepest sympathies for your loss of Lyle and your daughter. Gone much too soon! I think of you both when I'm in Huntington and go by your store wondering how you are. I'm sorry I've lost touch with you as you were a good friend in high school. May God bless you with many wonderful memories and peace of mind. Cheryl Heaston Beougher.*

Cheryl Heaston Beougher - January 28, 2020 at 07:46 PM

ND

*Susan,
Sorry to read about Lyle's passing as well as your daughters. I have thought of you and Carol Circle often and when I see my wedding pictures. I have fond memories of our time together so long ago and of your great fashion sense and your mother. Peace be with you. Neenah Botts Dressler*

Neenah Botts Dressler - January 29, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.*



January 28, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Angel Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.*



January 28, 2020 at 07:30 PM

JF

“ *Susan and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lyle was truly one of the sweetest men I have ever met, and he will be greatly missed. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Judy Fitzmaurice - January 28, 2020 at 06:47 PM

FL

Dear Susan, our prayers and sympathy! Floyd and Renee

Floyd Liechty - January 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM

BJ

“ Spent many a week ends dishing tournaments with Lyle in the Fishers of Men. He was a great and respected man. I always enjoyed my talks with him. He will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family.



Bruce Jennings - January 28, 2020 at 05:38 PM

JD

“ My prayers go out to the family. Janet Dalrymple

Janet Dalrymple - January 28, 2020 at 04:19 PM

SS

“ Scott & Angela Smyser lit a candle in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Scott & Angela Smyser - January 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

RM

I'm so sorry Susan. Many prayers for you and all your family.

Rose Meldrum - January 29, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Smith.



January 28, 2020 at 09:25 AM

NM

“ Nancy L Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Nancy L Mccoart - January 28, 2020 at 06:27 AM

JM

“ Good bye my dear friend and cousin. Such great times we had as kids with our bicycles, race cars, model cars and trips to Silver Lake. I know you are in very good hands now. You've joined your Mom and Daughter to rest in eternal Peace. Fishing should be wonderful there!

Jim McCoskey - January 27, 2020 at 10:37 PM

JB

“ Joe And Jannie Bickel lit a candle in memory of Lyle R. Smith



Joe and Jannie Bickel - January 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM