



## Michael "Mike" A. Smith

May 15, 1946 - August 30, 2022

Michael "Mike" Allison Smith, 76, of Huntington, passed away at 5:50 pm Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Mike was born on May 15, 1946, in Huntington, IN, the son of Robert C. Smith and Ruth B. (Allison) Smith. He graduated from Huntington High School with the class of 1964. He proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. He then worked for the Erie Railroad for 17 years. In the early 90's he joined the National Guard for a few years before retiring in 2008 from Majestic of Huntington, IN after 15 years. He married the love of his life Debbie K. Bear on May 15, 1999, in Huntington, IN.

Mike was a member of the American Legion Post #7 of Huntington, IN; 40 & 8 of Huntington, County, and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #2689 of Huntington, IN. He was a past Commander for the V.F.W. from 2011 to 2013 and held other leadership roles. He was a proud member of the Honor Guard for Veteran's funerals for over 10 years and was the Secretary for the Veterans Service Council for many years. Mike was passionate about serving his country and those who served before and after him. He was a Chicago Bears Football fan, an avid reader of the newspaper, and read all of James Patterson's novels. His love and devotion was endless to his grandchildren that called him Pappy. He enjoyed taking his wife out on lunch dates and visiting with whomever he ran into. Anyone that knew Mike knew how he

loved to tell stories and jokes. If you seen Mike out at one of the clubs, he would ask to join him for an adult beverage.

Survivors include his loving wife of 23 years, Debbie K. Smith of Huntington, IN; daughter, Kristi (Stephen) Hammett of Huntington, IN; sister, Ruth "Ellen" (Dave) Spencer of Huntington, IN; brother, Kenneth W. Smith of Huntington, IN; two grandsons, Dallas (Jessica) Hammett of Huntington, IN, Logan Hammett of Huntington, IN; two granddaughters, Cadence (Noah) Smith of Huntington, IN, Meghan Hammett of Huntington, IN; and two unborn great-grandchildren, Skylar and baby Hammett. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert C. Smith, mother, Ruth B. Smith, sister, Sharon A. Smith brothers, Donald R. Smith, and Willard "Bill" Smith.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 pm Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Dianna Teusch officiating. Military Honors will be rendered by the VFW Post 2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to Bailey-Love Mortuary to assist with final arrangement, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Michael "Mike"  
Allison Smith

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
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## Service

SEP 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Mike Smith.* ”



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - September 01, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JB

*R.I.P Mike you will forever be missed.*

Joe Bruce - September 05, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *So sorry I missed the funeral Mike was a great guy and a true patriot for our country. RIP Warrior.* ”

Barry Cochran - September 04, 2022 at 05:17 PM

PR

“ *Was a great guy he always called me Penelope rest in peace Mike Pam Ramsey* ”

Pam Ramsey - September 02, 2022 at 11:12 PM

JM

“ *JEFF Meekin lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith* ”



JEFF Meekin - September 01, 2022 at 06:02 PM

TC

“ Mike was a great person with a heart of gold. He would help anyone that needed help. And Debbie was a very lucky person to have found such a wonderful man who thought the world of her. They were one happy couple. Rest in peace Mike we sure are going to miss you.



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**teresa caley** - September 01, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DT

“ Dave And Peggy Tyler lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith



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**Dave and Peggy Tyler** - September 01, 2022 at 03:36 PM

SC

“ Mike always would take the time to shake hands and thank each of us Patriot Guard Riders individually, at the grave side services for veterans. You leave some big shoes to be filled....

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**Steve Harrison (IPGR Ride Captain)** - September 01, 2022 at 01:39 PM

MG

Sorry to learn of your recent losses,, Dallas and Jessica. Your grandfather would love the mention of his new babies. Marie G and Conner G

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**Marie Gerrard** - September 02, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" A. Smith.



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September 01, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Truly one of the kindest people We've ever had the pleasure to know. This world has lost a wonderful person. You will be missed, Mike! Our thoughts and prayers to Debbie and family.

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**Bill and Tammy Harrison** - September 01, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Finer than a frog hair, split 3 ways 🤔. I'm so very sorry for your loss Deb and the entire family. My sincerest sympathy. 💕💕

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**Kay** - September 01, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ My Uncle Mike was such a very charismatic guy. He had a big heart, loved kids, honored, supported, and advocated for his fellow veterans, a loving son, husband, dad, grand-dad, brother and uncle to my sisters, cousins and me. I still share stories and jokes that he told from as far back as I can remember. When I was small, he would bring me mementos from his travels... a pair of aviator sunglasses, a switch key, or a patch from his military service. I remember an ice fishing trip when he drove out on to the ice in his dad's brand new Ford station wagon... Grandpa was not happy to say the least. I always made a point to see him when visiting Huntington... stop in at Young's when he was bartending or at the VFW for a beer. He was always sincerely happy to see me walk through the door and ready with a joke... and of course, I would have one to share as well. He will be remembered fondly and missed by many. Rob Smith

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**Rob Smith** - September 01, 2022 at 09:58 AM

CR

“ Funny funny! I would always show up at the bars where he was when I was little to borrow 1.00 and it was so kool he always gave me 3.00.. Always had jokes.

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**cassandra reser** - September 01, 2022 at 09:27 AM

LO

“ Gonna miss your story's uncle Mike rest easy now we love you



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**Lori** - September 01, 2022 at 08:41 AM

CJ

“ So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I love you all and Mike was one of the good guys who will definitely be missed by all who knew him.



Charles Hall Jr - September 01, 2022 at 07:03 AM

RD

“ Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith



Randy Denton - September 01, 2022 at 05:43 AM

BL

Mike graduated the year before me at HHS. I have many fun high school memories. Mike brought the Honor Guard to a new level honoring our departed veterans for many years. Mike will be missed.

Bruce Lemar - September 01, 2022 at 10:18 AM

NM

“ Nancy L Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith



Nancy L Mccoart - September 01, 2022 at 03:36 AM

EB

“ *Ed And Marta Barker lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith*



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**Ed and Marta Barker** - September 01, 2022 at 03:32 AM

BG

“ *BillieSteve Garwood lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" A. Smith*



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**BillieSteve Garwood** - August 31, 2022 at 10:16 PM

JM

“ *To Mike's family and friends, you have my sympathy. I worked with Mike a few years at Majestic. He was always willing to share some good stories.*

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**John Myers** - August 31, 2022 at 09:28 PM