



Dennis C. Smith

December 1, 1944 - November 25, 2024

Dennis C. Smith of Cadillac passed away Monday, November 25, 2024 at his home. He was 79. Dennis was born on December 1, 1944 in Mitchell, South Dakota to John B. & Mary J. (Miley) Smith and he preceded him in death.

Dennis graduated from Mitchell High School and went on to attend South Dakota State University and would later receive his Bachelor's degree from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. Later Dennis obtained his Master's degree from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

His employment career started in Minneapolis, Minnesota working for Control Data. Then in 1971 he started working for Owatonna Tool Company. Then in 1994 he took a position with Rutt Custom Cabinetry in Pennsylvania and later worked for Quality Custom Cabinetry until retiring in 2016. Upon retirement they moved to Cadillac to be close to family. Dennis enjoyed target shooting, fishing, University of Nebraska football, feeding and watching birds. Most of all he loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. While living in Cadillac he attended First Baptist Church.

On August 21, 1965 in Mitchell, South Dakota he married the former Jean A. Carter and she survives him along with their children: Michael (Kimberly) Smith of Cadillac, Sandra (David) Ferguson of Flagstaff, Arizona, and Mark (Jen Good) Smith of Mountville, Pennsylvania; 3 grandchildren: Hannah (Alex)

Florian, Rebekah Smith, and Samuel Ferguson.

Memorial visitation will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Haiti Clean Water or to Samaritans Purse. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the distinct pleasure of working with Denny at Rutt Custom Cabinetry. Denny was a true gentleman in every sense and I know he will be missed by many. My wife, Jan, and I wish to express our heartfelt condolences to Jean and the family. Sincerely, Ed Stone.

Ed Stone - December 10, 2024 at 09:38 AM

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“ Dennis and Jean Smith came into our lives in 1995 when their son Michael married our daughter Kimberly. We became great friends over the next years and spent time in their homes in Pennsylvania and then Michigan when they moved to Cadillac. Dennis and Jean had two other children that we were privileged to come to know and enjoy spending time with.
I always looked forward to visiting with Dennis. Dennis was warm and genuine, gracious, and a fine gentleman (not to mention incredibly smart)! I'll miss our earthly conversations but know I'll see him again.

steven Butts - December 05, 2024 at 02:25 PM