



James R. "Big Buddy" Smith

October 27, 1932 - December 7, 2020

ARGOS- James R. "Big Buddy" Smith of Argos passed away on December 7, 2020 in his home following an illness. He was born on October 27, 1932 in Shawneetown, IL to the late Claude and Alice (Back) Smith and lived in the Argos area for a year and a half coming from Tampa, FL.

On December 31, 1955 in Shawneetown he married Patsy L. Chamberlain who preceded him in death on June 13, 1997. James was a retired tool and dye maker with General Motors and was a lifelong member of the UAW. He was a veteran of the US Army and a past member of the Hamlet American Legion. James was a highly intelligent man who loved to bowl and most of all cherished his family deeply.

James is survived by one daughter Lou Ann (Jon) Shively of North Judson; two sons James "Buddy" Smith of Hamlet and John (Kathy) Smith of Argos; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and one brother Elmer Smith of Norris City, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; one daughter Fina Jo Godsey; two grandchildren; three sisters; and one brother.

Funeral Services will be held at 5:00 CST Friday December 11 at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Visiting hours will be held from 3:00 to the time of the Funeral also on Friday at the Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Fletcher Cemetery

700 E
Hamlet, IN 46532

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James R. "Big Buddy" Smith.*



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“ *My sincere condolences To all of the family. Smithy was a great Father, Grandpa and a fantastic friend not only to me but to everyone he met. He will be sadly missed.*

*Love ya big guy
Bob (bobbu joe)*

Bob Jenkins - December 08, 2020 at 05:59 PM