



## Johnny D. Smith

March 20, 1956 - September 8, 2024

KNOX – Johnny D. Smith of Knox passed away suddenly on Sunday, September 8, 2024 in his home. He was born on March 20, 1956 in Chicago to the late Cecil and Doris (Cooper) Smith and was 68 years-old at the time of his death.

He lived in the area over half his life when he moved from Chicago and met his true love, Kathy (Ritchie). They were married on August 5, 1978 in Chicago and just celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Johnny was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corps and was widely known as a handyman who could fix anything. He was a jokester and relished in being the life of the party. He liked birdwatching (especially hummingbirds), animals, and caring for his yard. Most of all, Johnny loved his family dearly, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; five children Nicholas Smith, Michael (Jennifer) Smith, Ryan Smith; Derek (Echo Goble) Smith, and Corey (Brittany) Smith; eight grandchildren Mason, Madison, Tristian, Kylah, Mason, Ryder, Emilee, and Dylan; two sisters Wilma Bydon and Connie Smith; one brother Ben Roman; many nieces and nephews; two brothers-in-law Terry Ritchie and Tim Ritchie; and two sisters-in-law Karen Ritchie and Holly Laster. He is preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers-in-law Stanley Holstein and Joseph Bydon.

Visiting hours will be from 1:00 to 3:00 CST Friday, September 13, 2024 at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 CST

also on Friday, September 13 at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel  
102 W. Davis Street  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
(574) 867-3321  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Mrs. Smith,*

*It was a pleasure speaking with you today. Again the Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs expresses our sincerest condolences and thank you for the service of your husband to our country.*

*Very Respectfully,  
Maj. Ret. Deanna Love  
Director of Veterans Affairs, Cook County, IL*

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**Deanna Love** - September 18, 2024 at 04:27 PM

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“ *The Panagopoulos & Karegianes Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Johnny D. Smith.*



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**The Panagopoulos & Karegianes Family** - September 12, 2024 at 09:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny D. Smith.*



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September 12, 2024 at 02:25 PM

LR

“ Love, Cori Ritchie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny D. Smith.

Love, Cori Ritchie - September 12, 2024 at 02:25 PM

CK

“ Cathy Koepke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Johnny D. Smith.



Cathy Koepke - September 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM

CK

“ Cathy Koepke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny D. Smith.

Cathy Koepke - September 11, 2024 at 05:51 PM

FF

“ From Goble Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Johnny D. Smith.



From Goble Family - September 10, 2024 at 04:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johnny D. Smith.



September 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LA

“ Leslie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Johnny D. Smith.

Leslie A. - September 10, 2024 at 03:56 PM

TC

“ Tom & Sherie Collins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Johnny D. Smith.



Tom & Sherie Collins - September 10, 2024 at 03:01 PM