



## Daniel Lee Smith

July 15, 1957 - March 10, 2020

Daniel Lee Smith, age 62, passed away on March 10, 2020, after a short battle with cancer. Daniel was born on July 15, 1957, in Lansing, Michigan. He attended Everett High School, graduating in 1975. Upon graduation he served his country by joining the Navy and spent two years stationed out of Norfolk, Virginia. After serving, he returned to Michigan where he attended Lansing Community College, earning a degree in Engineering. Daniel used his Engineering degree working in the lumber industry and eventually found employment at Sieloff Glass and Screen, a window installation business in Lansing, Michigan. In 2008, he bought Sieloff and became a business owner for many years, providing jobs and services to the Lansing community until his recent retirement in 2019.

In 1991 he married Edith and they welcomed two children, Daniel Junior and Dawn, joining Edith's children from a previous marriage, Israel and Joshua. As his family grew, he never wavered from crafting and building, as he was constantly creating furniture, gardens, and many other crafts. Dan greatly enjoyed strong debates and conversations, which allowed him to share his vast knowledge. He was intrinsically talented and could create elaborate pieces of furniture, household projects, and even beautiful gingerbread houses. Dan was well known for his humor, adventurous attitude, and intense commitment to hard work. His desire to learn resulted in teaching himself to play the piano, cooking, photography, gardening, and learning to sail...which

he often did with his father, Raymond. There was no task big or small that Dan couldn't do, from figuring out a mechanism to self-feed his cats, to creating a picnic table with a built-in lazy Susan, Dan never stopped exploring and creating.

Daniel leaves behind his wife, Julie, who has been by his side for over 12 years; her children, Joshua and Angela (Michael); his children from wife Edith (d.2003), Danny Jr. and Dawn; and his step-children, Israel (Shannon) and Joshua. He will also be missed deeply by his many grandchildren; his parents, Raymond and Judy Smith; siblings, Teresa Foster (Vickie d. 2019), Steven (Bobbi) Smith, Diane Kippen, Leslie (Jeffrey d. 2017) Dull, Debra (Holt d. 2015) Chater, Laurie (Randy) Hoyt, Sandra Wolfe; and many nieces and nephews.

Friends are encouraged to support Daniel's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Tuesday, March 17, 3:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation is two hours prior to the service, 1-3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 17. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Daniel on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Log on to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Dan's tribute, and then click on Photos & Videos. Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast.

# Cemetery Details

## Gresham Cemetery

4100 Mulliken Rd  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral Ceremony

MAR 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Daniel Lee Smith



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 17, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel Lee Smith



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 14, 2020 at 05:14 PM

RS

*We will always have our memories. Love you dan., Mom and Dad*

Ray and Judy Smith - March 16, 2020 at 06:43 PM

RS

*For ever in our hearts*

Ray and Judy Smith - March 16, 2020 at 06:44 PM

TF

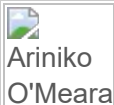
*I will remember what a great teacher you were! Always willing to share. I will remember our happy times. I will remember our last time. Love you Dan ♥♥♥♥*

**Teresa Foster** - March 17, 2020 at 08:16 AM

GC

*Julie & Family, it is very sad news to hear about Dan. We are going to miss him at the cottage. Praying for you and your family.  
-Greg and Cheryl Cullin and family*

**Greg Cullin** - March 17, 2020 at 09:53 AM

 Ariniko O'Meara

*Uncle Dan, when I was a kid, I was also happy to see your car parked at our house when I would come home from school. We had so many fun times together and you were a really great uncle. I am happy you are no longer in pain. You will be forever missed, but your memory lives on in many of us! Hugs to your family who will continue mourning you for a long time. Love you, Niko*

**Ariniko O'Meara** - March 17, 2020 at 01:01 PM

LH

*I will always remember the good times we had growing up. Will always be Thankful to you for taking my kids and I in when we were going through a very hard time. Will miss you always. Lots of good memories. Love you Dan.*

**Laurie Hoyt** - March 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

AM

*I always enjoyed hearing danny play the organ everytime I came over to see his sister laurie. Alot of times I stand on the porch for a min or two before I knocked, he always played " bauch" I hope I spelled this correct. Alot of good memories .*

**Anna mitchell** - June 23, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Smith .*

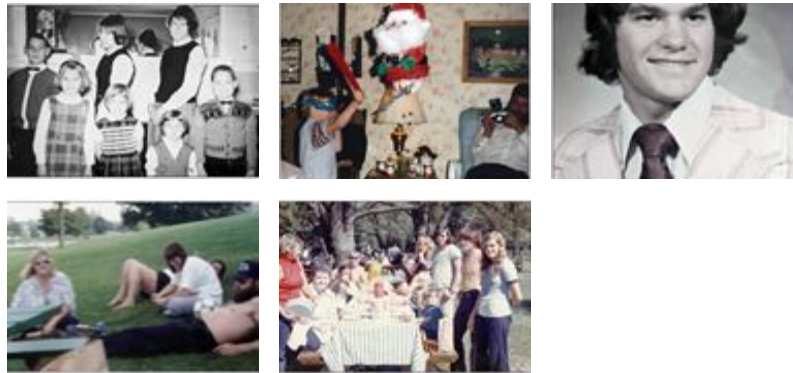


---

March 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



---

**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 14, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Julie and family, so sorry to here about Dan. He was a kind man and always friendly. We will greatly miss him at Thornapple Lake. May God bless you in your time of need. Jim and Pam Treat, Thornapple Lake friends.*

---

**Pam Treat** - March 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Smith .*



---

March 13, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Smith .*



---

March 12, 2020 at 12:38 PM