



Jerome Martin Smith

October 29, 1961 - October 4, 2013

Jerome M. Smith II, 51, of Potterville passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013. Jerome was born October 29, 1961 in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Jerome M. Smith I and Jean Rosendahl Weikel. He worked as an auto body repair expert for Maaco Body Shop. Jerome enjoyed NASCAR races and was an avid Tigers fan. He was also very proud of his son Marc. Mr. Smith is survived by his parents; son, Marc; sisters, Donna (Greg) Dufault, Laurie Smith, Deborah (Chuck) King, Tina (Mark) Wilton, Barbara (Dave) Lakes, Melissa (Daniel) Weikel-Hall and Jennifer (Daniel) Weikel-Ockert.

Funeral services will be 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 8 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Visitation will be 3:00-5:00 pm Tuesday, prior to the service. If desired memorial contributions may be made to the family.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome Martin Smith*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Jerry, my heart is so heavy now that you are gone. You always and forever had my back and I just don't know what I will do without you. From that little boy that always climbed on the top of the pile to get Debbie and Donna off me you have defended me and I will always be grateful to you for that. From the little boy who played Mickey Stanley and Al Kaline with his cousin David, oh and we can't forget lion and tiger too. To the grown man that defended and loved his son more than life itself. I'm so sorry you didn't make it to Marc's graduation but I know you will be there in spirit, I know that nothing will keep you away for that wonderful day. I don't think you ever knew how much you touched the lives of others and how much you were loved. You could be so darn irritating, stubborn and opinionated but we loved you still. Who is going to argue with us now to the point of where we just give up because there is no changing your mind once it is set. You will always be loved and forever missed but NEVER forgotten my little brother. I love and miss you so much.....*

Laurie Smith - October 10, 2013 at 01:31 PM

BZ

“ I cant believe Jerry has left us, but he is not forgotten and will always be in our memories and in our hearts. Jerry was a wonderful Father and friend, he had strong opionions and voiced them quite often, but thats what made him who he was. He was also called Uncle Jerry and he was always there for the GrandKids too, he spoiled them Rotton, but isn't that what love is? Jerry, Godspeed my friend, you will always will be a part of us and thats FAMILY.

Brenda Zueck - October 08, 2013 at 11:20 AM

AB

“ Although I didn't know Jerry, I know (and love) his sister Jenn. My heart breaks for Jenn, her girls, and the nuclear and extended family members and friends that encircled Jerry's life. May only the sweetest and kindest memories of him live on and be talked about. The rest... that's not important anyways. Much love to the family members of this young man.

Ailene Buchtrup - October 07, 2013 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ It's hard to put into words the impact that Jerry has had on all of our lives. Or to capture the thousands of good memories we all shared with him. From the stories of his childhood shared with 7 wonderful sisters, to his many different adventures in life. Jerry has been a huge part of my life for over 20 years. We've shared so many great times together. We worked on cars together and went to many car shows, sharing a passion for good old American Muscle. Jerry had a very spontaneous side, there were many times when he would pop up out of bed in the wee hours of the morning and talk me into cruising with him to Silver Lake to play on the sand dunes, or to drive the shore lines to look at lighthouses. There are so many memories like this we all have, heâ€™s touched so many lives that itâ€™s impossible to mention everything. Heâ€™s played many roles in life. He was a loving son to his parents. A crazy supportive brother to his sisters. No matter where he was in life or how he felt physically, he was always ready to be there for them if they needed him. Very proud of each of them for the accomplishments theyâ€™ve made in their lives and always very quick to brag about them! He was a proud uncle and great-uncle to his nieces and nephews, carrying pictures in his wallet so he could show you who he was bragging about. He played the role of uncle to my children as well. Being there for each of them from the day they were born, making sure they knew he loved them regardless of blood relation. Often taking the role of ‘Uncle Jerry’ to the max! Spoiling them or filling them full of sugar every chance he got! He was a very loyal friend who deeply valued friendship. He would gladly give anything he had if you needed it. He always had advice for you, even if you didnâ€™t want it and was definitely not afraid to give his opinion or tell it like it is. Sometimes even harshly! Even though he could be overly opinionated and outright cranky at times, I always knew he had my back. I in turn always had his! There isnâ€™t a time in the last 20 years that I can recall him not being there, silently cheering me on or waiting to catch me if I fell. He was truly my best friend and so much more, he was family! Anyone who knows him, knows his greatest role was that of Marcâ€™s dad. From the day Marc was born, they shared a very special bond. I know he is very proud

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of the man that Marc is becoming and although there are so many things left to come that he can no longer physically be here for, I know in my heart that he will always be watching over Marc, cheering him on throughout his life and beaming with pride. He will continue to watch over all of us. Lost to us is his physical being, his heart and soul will live on in all of our hearts and memories.

Missy Schafer - October 07, 2013 at 03:15 PM

MF

“ *so sorry for your loss marc and family, know that we are here for you anytime you need anything, sending you our love always*

melissa myers-dodge& family - October 06, 2013 at 02:17 PM

MB

“ *To a good friend and coworker. You will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers for son Marc and family. Our condolences for you all. Very sorry for your loss. From your Maaco family.*

Maaco Auto Body - October 06, 2013 at 09:35 AM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jerry was such a kind caring person. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you guys.*

Corey SwaffordSwafford - October 06, 2013 at 09:26 AM

LV

“ *So sorry for you loss. Remember to keep your eyes on God for strength. Will be praying for you and your family. Love ya's*

Larry and Donna VanHouten - October 06, 2013 at 07:42 AM

DH

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the lost of your brother. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. May you find comfort & peace in your hearts knowing that he isn't suffering any more and he is in a far better place than we are. Someday we will all meet again and rejoice ! God Bless you all.

Dean & Lorie Hartley - October 06, 2013 at 07:12 AM

AW

“ So Sorry for the loss of your loved one! Prayers and thoughts are with u in this time of sadness! Love all You!

Angela Welch - October 05, 2013 at 02:29 PM