



## Richard R. Smith

December 14, 1944 - December 30, 2016

Richard R. Smith, 72 of Amasa, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2016 at Aspirus Hospital in Iron River. He was born on December 14, 1944 in South Bend, Indiana, son of the late Robert and Joan (Nowaczewski) Smith. He attended LaSalle school in South Bend, Indiana. Richard married Bernadette Wickman in Crystal Falls on August 20, 1976 and they had spent more than 40 wonderful years together.

Richard worked as a janitor for the Forest Parks Schools for many years before returning back to remodeling and carpentry which was his true calling. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing and traveling. He was very handy and a jack of many trades; he loved fixing things and his time working as a gun smith. Was adventurous, loved his motorcycle and preferred the back roads over any interstate. More than anything he loved to cook for and spend time with his family. A mostly silent, yet kind man with great advice if you wanted it otherwise would let you figure it out on your own. Richard, was always willing to help anyone.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Bernadette Smith of Amasa; his children, Bill (Jeanelle) Hautala of Crystal Falls; Anastasia (David) Johnson of Iron River; Grandchildren, Ashley(Cody Campbell) and Zach Hautala, Rus and Halley Johnson; Brothers, Dennis (Mary) Smith of Hamilton, Michigan and David (Brenda) Smith of Mishawaka, Indiana; he is further survived by many

special nieces and nephews

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Brian Hautala, a brother, Donald Smith, and a sister, Dorothy Pinkert

The visitation will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Service will follow at 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard Smith online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls

# Tribute Wall

WH

“ Richard was always a joy to be around. Went on many trips with him & my sister Kathy Horvat Moak. He love of water, boating, and fishing was very memorable. I recall going to the Armada fair with them. Fond memories of my childhood. Wandagail Horvath-Cambron, Goshen, Indiana

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Wandagail Horvath-Cambron - April 21, 2018 at 12:50 PM

TG

“ My sincere thoughts and prayers go out to my dear Aunt Bernie and the family. I wish I could have made it happen to come home. You are in my prayers and I hope you know that you are loved and missed. Take care of yourself. Uncle Richard will be missed by many. 💕🙏🌹  
I will never forget the summer we all packed in the station wagon and met you. Much love ❤️  
Tammy

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Tammy Gerou - January 05, 2017 at 12:53 PM

MC

“ *Berna and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. I always remember  
when you guys came to Ontonagon on Labor  
day years ago. Anastasia must of been about  
4 years old. We went to our home in Silver  
City for lunch after the parade. I made "surprise sandwiches" and  
gave one to Richard and I forgot the filling in his! He was such a  
kind and soft spoken guy and was afraid to tell me his bun had no  
filling! I guess it really was a "surprise sandwich"! We proceeded to  
our camp in Paulding and we all had a great time. Cherish all those  
memories and good times you had with him Berna.  
Love,  
Maxine and Tony*



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**Maxine Clark** - January 05, 2017 at 10:59 AM

SH

“ *Sharon lit a candle in memory of Richard R.  
Smith*



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**Sharon** - January 04, 2017 at 02:23 PM

CS

“ *Caroline Stebbins lit a candle in memory of  
Richard R. Smith*



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**Caroline Stebbins** - January 04, 2017 at 10:36 AM

DM

“ To cousin Bernadette and all of your family, Many, many years and miles separate us, but Kay reached me about Richard's passing. Sorry for your loss, and hoping your 40 years together and all of the family's and friends' memories of Richard provide support, peace & comfort.

*Dave & Cindy Machowski*

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**Dave Machowski** - January 03, 2017 at 12:20 PM

WH

“ Wendy Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Richard R. Smith



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**Wendy Hawkins** - January 03, 2017 at 04:54 AM

CA

“ Candy lit a candle in memory of Richard R. Smith



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**Candy** - January 02, 2017 at 05:30 PM

TB

“ Teri Barlow lit a candle in memory of Richard R. Smith



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**Teri Barlow** - January 02, 2017 at 03:41 PM

TB

*Bernie and Family are hearts and prayers are with you at this heartbreaking time. RIP "Richard"*

Teri Barlow - January 02, 2017 at 03:43 PM

DS

“ One of the things remember most about my brother as we grew up was how he would tease me as a younger brother. Truth always was he never fooled me he always cared about me and would fierly protect me. Though we were a few years apart we were so much alike except he was smarter than me!

Dennis Smith - January 02, 2017 at 03:36 PM

WH

*Dennis, Richard and you were two of the handsomest guys in Ardmore. You two were inseparable! Miss & love you both!💔💔💔🙏🙏🙏*

Wandagail Horvath-Cambron - April 21, 2018 at 01:10 PM

AC

“ Axel And Cindy lit a candle in memory of Richard R. Smith



Axel and Cindy - January 02, 2017 at 03:17 PM

AC

*Thinking of you and your family Berna! Hugs and Prayers! Cherish the memories!*

Axel and Cindy - January 02, 2017 at 03:19 PM

DE

“ *Dennis lit a candle in memory of Richard R. Smith*



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**Dennis** - January 02, 2017 at 03:09 PM

SP

“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**Sharon plautz** - January 02, 2017 at 03:01 PM