



Mr. Teddy Ray Smith

February 27, 1955 - April 17, 2025

Teddy R. Smith, 70, of Peoria, IL departed this life on April 17, 2025, at his residence in South Carolina. Teddy was born February 27, 1955, in Cairo, IL to Lerleen (Morgan) Smith and the late Theodore Smith. He married Kathy (Rutherford) Smith on July 21, 1984.

Teddy was employed with Altorfer for 35 years when he retired as a welder in 2017.

Teddy enjoyed watching his favorite Western movies, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren, supporting his daughter LaTonya in her film making productions and watching the Chicago Bears lose all while remaining a loyal fan. Teddy also enjoyed traveling.

Teddy accepted Christ in his life in 2024 at the Glorious Church of Jesus Christ where he had been a long-time member.

Teddy leaves precious memories to cherish by many including his wife, mother, four daughters, LaTonya (Christopher) Nash Sr, Nikia (Richard) Crenshaw, Tara Simms and Tamika Simms. Three sons, Victor (Chantra) Moss, Teddy Jr. Smith and Deandre Smith. Two sisters, Denayer (Jessie) Artis and Robin Smith. Three brothers, Ulysses (Oteria) Morgan, Arlon (Yvonne) Smith and Scott Smith. Ted leaves 25 grandchildren and 7 great-

grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and countless friends to whom he mentored and gave advice. In addition, Teddy leaves his cherished memories with special friends and family.

A Celebration of Life Service for Teddy will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Grace Apostolic Assembly at 10:00 a.m. with visitation commencing one hour prior at 9:00 a.m. Bishop James Ware will host, and Pastor Hubert Ron Rutherford will present the Eulogy.

Teddy will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements were made especially for the “Smith” family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of “Teddy R. Smith” please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Apostolic Assembly
1523 S Laramie St
Peoria, IL 61605-2789
(309) 637-4111

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith*



Mattie Risby - May 05, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MF

“ *Our condolences to the entire Smith family. It is hard to visualize Kathy without her soul mate, Teddy. We pray you find comfort in GOD.*



Ms. N. Jackson & family - May 03, 2025 at 05:07 PM

MC

“ *Sorry for your loss Kathy and Tonya I'm sending my condolences to the entire family such a loving and fun man to you all...Angels in heaven have signed his name Rest in Paradise Teddy prayers to you all.*

Maxine Clash - May 03, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TS

“ *Tara Simms sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith*



Tara Simms - May 03, 2025 at 03:57 AM

CP

“ Your character was not defined by a fancy clothes or rings. How you looked and who you were were to completely different things . If you're hair was not right on the outside like dreads. It didn't determine the type of person you were in your head . If your clothes are wrinkled in that crease to a tee . It did determine the type of person in the future you'd be. You took the time to notice the persons . Identity, Personality , and Legitimacy . You'd always be you jus Teddy . My Brother my Friend my Mentor . I would truly like to thank you . For taking the time out & teaching me . And pushing me to move forward. To be a better man .To listen to my problems & not be quick to judge me . But show me another route & another way of doing things . So I could be productive in life . I thank you for that just being in my corner . You saved my life & I love you for that . My heart hurts knowing I'll never see you again . The half mustache ,The jokes , just you being you . But your legacy will last for eternity. You'll always hold a place in my heart .I love you my brother .Chase The Car !!

Chase Porch - May 03, 2025 at 01:59 AM

MF



Ms. N. Jackson & family - May 03, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith.



May 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

DJ

“ Brother-n-love you will be missed beyond measure. There are too many years of love, fun and laughter to recount here but for now, I simply want to say...I love you! To my family, love will keep us together and a family that prays together, stays together. Much love Donna aka "Adrian".



Donna Jamison - May 01, 2025 at 12:08 PM

TW

“ Thank you for all your Love & advice and all the Family history & stories you shared with me. I will miss you but I know your in a better place, no more pain or worries. Until we meet again my Dear Uncle Danny, I love you always, Your Niece Tweety.



Tweety - April 30, 2025 at 06:27 PM

TI

“ Thank you for all your Love & advice and all the Family history & stories you shared with me. I will miss you but I know your in a better place, no more pain or worries. Until we meet again my Dear Uncle Danny, I love you always, Your Neice Tweety.



Tita - April 30, 2025 at 06:24 PM

PJ

“ Pamela L Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith



Pamela I jackson - April 30, 2025 at 01:01 PM

RB

“ God Bless you Teddy Ray Smith and thank you for being who you were in my daughter's life, Nakia Crenshaw Smith, RIP Love Always Miss. Rhonda Brown



Rhonda Brown - April 30, 2025 at 03:54 AM

DC

“ Rest easy Friend! Prayers and condolences to the entire Smith Family! Denise Fleming Clark



Denise Clark - April 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

DJ

“ Darlene Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith



Darlene Jackson - April 26, 2025 at 10:19 AM

VG

“ I'm going to miss seeing u at gatherings and are talks . You gave good advice. I couldn't come to the house without talking to u for as long as I was there. RIP my friend.



Vicky L Gagliardi - April 26, 2025 at 04:04 AM

PH

“ Phillip E. Hickmann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith



Phillip E. Hickmann - April 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JN

“ Jill Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith



Jill Neal - April 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM

LS

“ LINDA PIERCE SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Teddy Ray Smith



LINDA PIERCE SANDERS - April 23, 2025 at 09:56 AM