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James L. Smith, 83, of Lehigh Acres, FL went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, May 3, 2020. He was born November 19th, 1936 in Buffalo, NY to the late James and Mabel (Rawe) Smith. He married the love of his life, Lois (Coyer) on December 21, 1963.

Jim was first and foremost a Christian; he loved the Lord and lived according to the Scriptures. Jim graduated from Hutchinson-Central Technical High School in Buffalo and was an army veteran. He owned and operated Smith's Lawn and Marine Service for over 30 years at 9100 Main St. in Clarence, NY. Jim loved water-skiing, boating, shooting, and deer hunting and was a life member of both the National Rifle Association and the Buffalo Shooting Club. After his retirement to Naples, Florida, he and Lois were involved in Naples Ears and Lee County Ears, organizations dedicated to helping those with hearing loss. He had a wonderful sense of humor, an optimistic outlook on life, a very gentle forgiving heart, a recognizable whistle, and will be missed immensely by his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Lois (Coyer); daughter Lorie (Matt) Burke of Ft. Myers, FL; son Glenn (Heather) of Wellsville, NY; son Wayne of Lehigh Acres, FL; and son Eric (Kristen) of Lockport, NY.; sister Lois Moeser of Orchard Park, NY. Jim has 10 grandchildren: Mackenzie, Melody, Meredith, and Andrew Burke; Jesse, Ethan (Aline), Trevor, Kayla, Brooke, and Jarron Smith. Jim is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of James L. Smith are suggested to: Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc. <https://www.youthranches.org/ways-to-give/online-donation> or The John Birch Society <https://www.jbs.org/donate/> . Gift cards to his wife would also be greatly appreciated.

A memorial service in celebration of Jim's life is tentatively planned for June at Buckingham Baptist Church in Ft. Myers, FL.



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Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery is entrusted with final care.



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CC

Carl & Jean Clark posted:

Carl & I met Jim & his Family at Church! We became good friends, and would hang out together often. (like going out to eat, going to each other houses and Carl hunting with Jim and our kids hanging out with each other). Jim was a great guy, gentle just an easy going person. He Loved the Lord and was a great witness for the Lord. We are looking forward to one day seeing him again. Keeping Lois and the family in prayer.From.Carl & Jean Clark

June 29 at 3:51 PM

PA

Paul posted:

I just came across the receipts for all of my many airguns purchased from Jim back in Buffalo, NY.Jim was a GREAT guy and I would often just go there to hang out with him and share conversation. I am 54 now and even though I was a young man back in those days (early 90s) Jim always took time to speak with me. He was a fair and funny and intelligent man who cared deeply about his business and his customers. I do not recall him EVER speaking an unkind word about anybody.I remember him talking about retiring and moving to Florida and it is nice to know he finally found his way there and enjoyed many years.A man is defined by his actions and his friends. I am very proud and fortunate to have been able to spend all those hours with Jim at his shop and I KNOW I am a better person for it.Very best wishes to The Smith Family from Paul Becker (now in NC).

June 10 at 2:29 PM

DO

Downings posted:

Always think of the four of us going hunting in Cattaraugus County for all those years and snowmobiling thru the woods and dale stopping for hot cocoa and warmth. The two Jims became friends when they lived in the same neighborhood and kept in touch thru the years. Lots of happy times! Our sympathies go out to Lois and family. May God bless all of you and keep you in the palm of His hand. Take care. Love, Jim and Mary Ann Downing

May 12 at 5:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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