



Owen Smith

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Owen Smith, 73, of Fort Myers Florida – The man. The myth.
The legend.

Owen passed away peacefully at his home on March 19, 2026, surrounded by his family, the ones who cared for him and stood faithfully by his side. Born on June 18, 1952, in Michigan to Samuel and Jean Smith, Owen was a man defined by strength, humor and a deep love for life. He carried a spirit of independence and adventure that guided him in all that he did. He built a proud career as an Operating Engineer, beginning in 1973 and retired in 2009. A dedicated member of Local 324 Operating Engineers for 53 years, Owen took great pride in his work. Owen lived for the freedom of the open road. His Harley was more than a motorcycle-it was part of who he was. From everyday rides, bike weeks, trips to Key West and even tornado chasing, (yes, he spent a month chasing tornadoes) he embraced life with a fearless sense of adventure and a constant smile. Above all, Owen was a proud father and grandfather. His greatest joys were his son Sam (Sammy) and grandsons, Owen and Tristan. He loved watching them play sports, cheering them on with pride, and spending time together fixing trucks or building anything they set their minds to. Those moments meant everything to him. He will be deeply missed by his son – Sam; Sam's partner Kate; his beloved grandsons, Owen and Tristan; his companion Debbie; his siblings; and many nephews, nieces, extended family members and close friends.

Owen is reunited in heaven with his parents and other cherished loved ones. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, laughter, and living life on his own terms-free, full and without regret. His spirit will forever ride on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. With the wind at his back and a smile on his face, he lived a life most only dream of.



Events

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Visitation

Friday, March 27, 2026

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

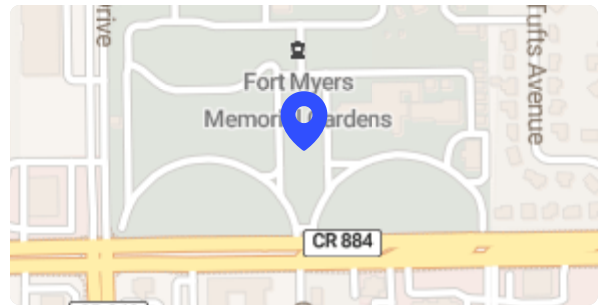


Memorial Service

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Patty Briggs posted:

Sam not sure where you are, we have not seen you in a bit. Wanted to let you know, we loved your dad, we had the best times out riding with him. He was a great friend and we are shocked he is gone. We will miss him bunches. Gare and Patty Briggs...

April 7 at 9:19 AM



Helen C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Owen.



March 26 at 4:31 PM



From Cousins Joann, Bob, Janice planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Owen.



March 26 at 3:18 PM



From Cousins Joann, Bob, Janice sent an Arrive in Style to the Smith family.



March 26 at 3:18 PM



Gary Leinonen posted:

I fondly remember riding with him Lester, Mike, Harry running over saplings and busting dirt mounds. We had a lot of fun times together. Thanks for the memories. See you all on the other side.

March 26 at 12:05 PM



Catherine Klebba posted:

I'm Owen's older sister Cathy. If you were talking about a small problem his reply was: Here's a tissue for your issue. I have repeated this phrase many times to family and friends and everyone loves it. Thanks Owen!

March 25 at 8:35 AM



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HF

Harry And Janice Flanagan And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Owen.

March 24 at 6:11 PM



HF

Harry And Janice Flanagan And Family sent a Large Basket Garden to the Smith family.

March 24 at 6:11 PM



CF

Cathy & Penny, & Niece Angela & Their Families sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Smith family.

March 24 at 2:36 PM



BS

Bertha Beach And Mark Stavenga planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Owen.

March 24 at 11:10 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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