



Mr. Danny Ray Smith Sr. "Dan"

August 22, 1953 - October 3, 2024

Danny Ray Smith Sr. "Dan", aged 71, passed away on October 3, 2024, in Brandon, Florida in Hillsborough County at HCA Florida Brandon Hospital. Mr. Smith was born on August 22, 1953 in Owensboro, KY, Daviess County hospital, the son of Carl and Myrtle (Oller) Smith. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 17 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. Danny was known for his deep passion for choppers, cruisers, and hot rods, as well as his remarkable mechanical skills. His artistic nature and perfectionism shone through in everything he touched, completing projects with unmatched beauty and precision. Danny's sense of humor was as memorable as his corny jokes, and his ability to connect with animals was nothing short of extraordinary, earning him the nickname of the ultimate animal whisperer. He was a quick learner who excelled in various skills, making him a dedicated and powerful friend. Those who were close enough to enjoy conversations over endless pots of coffee were indeed fortunate. In his leisure time, Danny loved fishing, working on cars, painting, carpentry, and tinkering. He approached life with a planner's mind and a problem-solver's heart, always ready to work on the next challenge. Danny leaves behind a loving family, including his life partner, Bernadette B. Smith of Plant City, FL; his brothers, Dale Smith of Bay City, MI, and Terry Smith (Dawn) of Birch Run, MI; and best friend, Donald Bentley of Genesee MI. His legacy continues through his two step children, Florence (Pete) Rodriguez of Hobbs, NM, and Gregory (Sumaya) Castro of River View, FL, and four

children, Amy Hartweck of Nampa, ID, Danny Ray (Chelsie) Smith Jr. of Hudson Falls, NY, Rebecca (Timothy) Meece of Eldersburg, MD, and Dominick Smith of Eldersburg, MD. He was a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Smith and Myrtle Oller Smith of Flint MI, as well as his brothers, Michael Smith of Flint, MI, and Mark Smith of Atlanta, MI. Danny's absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew him, but his spirit and the memories he created will forever remain in the hearts of his loved ones. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Danny Ray Smith Sr. "Dan"



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My honey, May Johova 💜 keep you safe for me, til we're together ❤️ again.

Love ❤️ you 4ever.

Bernadette B. Smith - November 01, 2024 at 08:25 AM



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