



Michael E. Smith,

January 26, 1945 - September 19, 2025

Albany, NY-It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Michael E. Smith, a beloved father and devoted fisherman, who left us on September 19, 2025. Michael embraced life with passion and enthusiasm, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Born January 26, 1945, Michael dedicated his life to his two sons, Darrin and Bret, whom he cherished and guided with unwavering love. He faced the challenges of life with resilience and tenacity, especially after the passing of his dear wife, Janice. Michael often found peace in fishing, a pastime that brought him joy and a deep connection to all things in nature, big and small.

Michael was strong-willed, bold, and spirited, with a unique sense of humor that brought laughter to many. His memory will continue to live on through the countless stories and moments shared with family and friends.

Michael is survived by his sons, Darrin (Nicole) Smith and Bret (Zulvey) Smith; his grandchildren, Mireya, Philipp, and Kevin Smith; his sister Patricia Hausler Smith; and his niece Nicole Miller and nephew Kenny Hausler. Michael was predeceased by his wife Janice K. Smith, his mother, Frances M. Tynan-Smith, his father Edward J Smith Jr., and his sister Maureen F. Smith.

A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from

4-7 pm, at McVeigh Funeral Home, where we will come together to honor his legacy and the joyful moments we shared. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Shaker Place Rehabilitation & Nursing Center at 100 Heritage Lane, Albany, NY 12211, whose staff provided him with great care during his last days. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

SEP **24.** 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Mike was in my family for 25 years, he was a part of our lives, My adopted Dad..his dry humor second to none. He was the go to man for everything, life taught him so much. He loves his children and grandchildren and was proud of them. A world without Mike will never be the same, he truly made a difference.
Karen & Mikkael Jordison

Karen Jordison - September 20, 2025 at 11:34 AM

ZS

Thanks Karen

Zulvey Smith - September 21, 2025 at 12:12 PM

TC

“ Mike and I were friends from the time we were kids, playing cards and playing softball in Colby park. Mike never let anything get in his way if he wanted to do something. We shared lots of laughs together over the years and I will always remember Mike with a smile on my face. Goodbye my old friend, see ya soon!

Thomas Cornell - September 20, 2025 at 10:05 AM

PH

Thank you for being his friend. Even though he was 11 years older than me..
Our birthdays were 2 days apart. He loved to tease and annoy me for my childhood years lol he was one of a kind.
Little Sis Patty

Patricia Hausler - September 20, 2025 at 12:49 PM

RC

To the Smith Family,

I would like to share this with you. I met Mike back in the 60's when he was dating my older sister. From the very beginning Mike took me under his wing and became the male role model in my life.

Mike taught me about cars, Lebanon Valley Speedway and car racing. He and I would go fishing every chance he had early in the morning and we would go to the Alcove reservoir, which was illegal(lol) and we would fish our hearts out. He took me ice fishing where I froze myself half to death but it was worth it to be with him.

Next he taught me about hunting. However, in order to hunt I needed a shotgun. Mike took me to Taylor and Vadney sports where I put my very first shotgun on layaway thus teaching me about financial responsibility. He cosigned for me as I was too young to buy it myself....how caring was that?!

He then made sure that I went to the fish and game club to take the course to be able to get a hunting license and he signed that as my guardian as well. However, as love goes, he and my sister parted ways but for those few years, I had a kind and tough role model.

It was through his kind and loving heart that I became a good man. His strength, love for my sister, kindness and overall a great man that was the basis of who I became.

I had a very successful career in law enforcement, have three children and four great grandchildren and a wonderful life.

In a nutshell, I owe everything in my life to Michael E Smith. How fortunate and blessed you all were to have had him in your life. He was a great man !

I would like you to know that I grieve with you and I pray may the many happy moments you share help you through this difficult.

May our Heavenly Father Richly bless you all.

Richard J Cole

Richard J Cole - September 21, 2025 at 07:37 AM

ZS

Thanks so much Richard.

Zulvey Smith - September 21, 2025 at 11:34 AM

ZS

Thanks so much Tommy.

Zulvey Smith - September 21, 2025 at 11:34 AM

PH

My goodness I much younger but I remember your sister and you. I saw prom pictures of them yesterday her name was Linda? Thank you for your kind words 🙏❤️

Patricia Hausler - September 22, 2025 at 12:51 PM

RC

Yes Patricia, her name is Linda. He was a very handsome young man. I also remember meeting you when you lived on Central Avenue. Time is flying by. I would love to see the pic if you have a chance. ukelelekid@duck.com is me. I will also check with Linda to see if she has any pics of Mike as well.

Richard J Cole - September 23, 2025 at 06:39 AM

ZS

Hi Richard will you be at the wake? We will be bringing that photo album that has the prom picture. I think there may be photos of you too in there. If I took a wild guess.

Zulvey Smith - September 23, 2025 at 02:37 PM