



James R. Smith Jr.

March 15, 1950 - March 10, 2020

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Dateline Jasper, Indiana

James Roy Smith (Bubba) to his friends and family passed away peacefully at his home in Jasper, Indiana, on March 10, 2020. Jim was the first child of five born to James R. Smith, Sr. and Betty Lucille (Huey) Smith in Washington, Indiana, on March 15, 1950.

Bubba attended St. Mary's Elementary and graduated from Washington Catholic High School in 1968 where he would proudly state that he received the finest education.

Jim was active in his church in his youth, serving as both an altar boy and in the children's choir. During his childhood and adolescence, Bubba made many friendships. They were characterized in his "legendary" stories including Larry "Perk" Marks, Rick Frye, Jeff Zinkans, The Ross boys, and his best friend John "Beefy" Simpson to name a few. Bubba maintained these friendships throughout his life and was grateful to have made so many great memories with his friends.

As a “free” spirit, Jim extensively traveled throughout the U.S and eventually found himself at the Blue Cloud Abbey, Mitchell, SD. While there, Jim worked for the Sisseton Wahpeton Drug and Alcohol Program where he made numerous friends. He then met his wife Exzilda Seaboy where their union produced three beautiful children, Tyson James Seaboy, Lucinda Emily (Zach) Smith and Jayme Rae (Ernie Dakota) Smith.

With the responsibility of raising three children, Jim decided to get a bit more serious with his college studies, graduating summa cum laude from the Vincennes University School of Nursing. Jim was a psychiatric nurse (RN) for over 30 years.

He was the “best” father a daughter could have, and grandfather to the loves of his life, Taylor R (Lexi Elliott) Smith and Zander N. Smith. Jim was a great grandfather to Selah R. Smith and his dog Harry.

Bubba gave cancer “hell” and will be deeply missed as there never has been, nor ever will be another man like him. We were all so blessed to have his laughter, love, and kindness in our lives. We will continue to tell his stories to keep his spirit alive.

Jim is survived by his mother, Betty, and his siblings Michael J. Smith of Loogootee, Jeffrey A. Smith, Mark D. Smith and Mary Jane Edmiston (Smith) all of Washington.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 18, 2020, starting at 5:00 pm at Ace’s Restaurant in Washington, IN. All friends of the family are welcome.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

APR 18. 5:00 PM (PT)

ACE'S Restaurant
Washington, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Smith Jr.*

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“ *Our deepest and sincere sympathy goes out to your family at the passing of your dear son, brother and companion. May your memories and the love you shared bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Your friends at the Vincennes University Alumni and Foundation Office

VU Alumni and Foundation Office - March 16, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ *Steven Ross lit a candle in memory of James R. Smith Jr.*



Steven Ross - March 13, 2020 at 08:30 AM

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“ So many great memories with Jimmy/Bubba. He was an awesome person and only gave unconditional love. One of my coolest memories is when he performed with us during one of our Backstreet Junction reunions at the Country Club in Washington. We decided to perform the song by The Rolling Stones called Fortuneteller and I asked him to sing it and he said yeah. He was nervous as hell before he sang it, but once he did everybody jumped up and the dance floor was packed; he rocked it out. We do have that song on CD too. Thanks Bubba for all your love man. See you next time around brother. 😎❤️



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