



James Smith

October 9, 1974 - June 13, 2025

James "Jim" Michael Smith, age 50, of Mt. Ayr, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on June 13, 2025, after a courageous nine-year battle with cancer. Jim was born to John W. Smith and Phyllis (Luttrell) Smith in Rensselaer, Indiana on October 9, 1974. He married the love of his life, Angela Gaskill, on August 12, 2023.

Jim was a dedicated worker who employed as a welder at Talbert for 20 years and at Chiefs for 5 years after his diagnosis. Throughout his life, he was known for his resilience, faith, and unwavering spirit. He was a devout member of Apostolic Faith Assembly Church of Mt. Ayr. Jim's faith was a guiding light through his life's challenges.

Jim was a true fighter, never losing his faith or his kindness. He loved spending time with his family, children, and grandchildren. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, never hesitating to give the shirt off his back to those in need. When he wasn't working or helping others, Jim found joy riding his motorcycle and helping his brothers work on cars and semis.

Jim will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. His legacy of love, faith, and generosity will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

He is survived by his wife, Angela Smith, His daughters Monica Nance, Savanna (Jacob) Cooper, Haylie Nance, Shaylin (Dakota) Boldman, and Jazmine Gaskill, his grandchildren; Isabelle, Randall, Spencer, Walker, Zayne, Journey, and Kimber. His mother Phyllis Smith, His siblings; Carolyn (Stormy) Schneegas, John (Vette) Smith, Shannon Ferguson, and Carl (Jennifer) Smith.

He is preceded in death by his Father John W. Smith; his nephew William A. Schneegas, and brother-in-laws Randy Ferguson and Patrick Gaskill.

A visitation will be held at Jackson Funeral Service of Demotte on Wednesday June 18, 2025 from 11AM to 1PM, Services will be officiated by Brother Vest starting at 1PM. Burial will follow at Wheatfield Cemetery. A dinner will follow at Mt. Ayr Community Center.

Cemetery Details

Wheatfield Cemetery

12285 N In 49
Wheatfield, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
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Funeral Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Services

JUN 18 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of James Smith



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 17, 2025 at 01:07 PM

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“ Sandy Hughes lit a candle in memory of James Smith



Sandy Hughes - June 17, 2025 at 09:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Smith.

June 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM



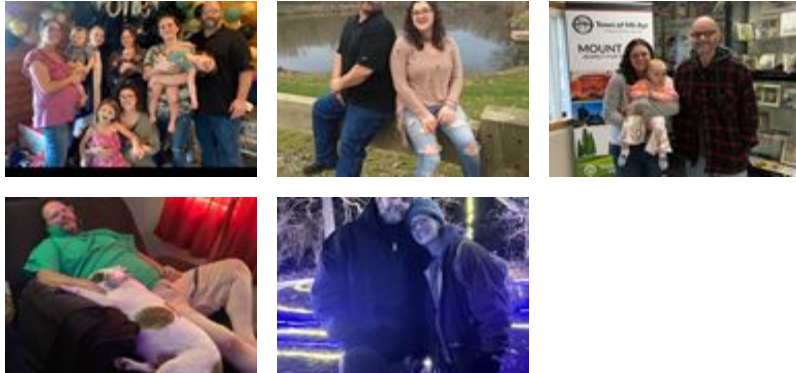
“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Smith.



June 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM



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“ Pastor & Sis Brent Smith , NBFF planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Smith.

Pastor & Sis Brent Smith , NBFF - June 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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“ Pastor & Sis Brent Smith , NBFF purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of James Smith.



Pastor & Sis Brent Smith , NBFF - June 17, 2025 at 10:21 AM

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“ Aunt Mary and George Snyder purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of James Smith.



Aunt Mary and George Snyder - June 16, 2025 at 03:40 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



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