



Wayne Smith

September 24, 1948 - October 4, 2025

Wayne W. Smith passed away Oct. 4, 2025 at St. Mary's Hospital

He was born on September 24, 1948, in Kankakee, IL. He was the son of Wayne & Norma (Statler) Smith. Wayne married Karen Schulz, his loving wife, on April 3, 1976, in Bradley, IL. Together they had their son Timothy Smith, their daughter, Amanda Smith, as well as their daughter in law, Heather, and their son in law, Mike. He loved his children and their spouses

He worked over 30 years at BASF Chemical Plant. Upon retirement, he worked for Endor Construction Company. His enjoyment was his two pups- Tevye & Golde. He was a great fisherman, enjoyed camping and trips to Tennessee with his wife. He loved grilling, barbequing, and adding another log to the fire. He was a Jack of All Trades- there was not one thing he could not do

He leaves behind his wife, Karen; His children and their spouses; His grandchildren; His brother, Raymond Smith; Sister in law, Paula Roush, and his Brother in law, Bill Schulz

Services will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 11am, at Community Presbyterian Church, located at 64 S Walnut Street, Manteno, IL
There will be a visitation prior to the service, starting at 10am

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children Hospital

Cemetery Details

Elmwood

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Presbyterian Church
64 S Walnut St
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3275

Mass

OCT 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Community Presbyterian Church
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Karen and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of Wayne. He was so good to me and taught me so many things during our time working together at Henkel/Cognis. He was such a patient, kind, and personable guy! I will miss running into you both at the various restaurants and sharing memories. Hugs, prayers, and thoughts to you all!

Missy Knott - October 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BD

“ Dearest Karen and family, there are no words to ease your pain, but we're sending lots of hugs and prayers! Wayne was and always will be, a strong presence felt by all. Love, Bev and Mike

Beverly Diedrich - October 07, 2025 at 07:16 PM

JL

“ Jim LaMore lit a candle in memory of Wayne Smith



Jim LaMore - October 06, 2025 at 10:28 PM

LR

“ Love, Andé and Rick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne Smith.



Love, Andé and Rick - October 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

LR

“ Love, Andé and Rick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Smith.

Love, Andé and Rick - October 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

CS

“ Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Wayne Smith



Carla Scheppler - October 06, 2025 at 04:07 PM