



## Luther "Jay" Smith

December 13, 1943 - December 18, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Luther "Jay" Smith

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

Luther "Jay" Smith, age 79, of Thebes, passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 10:30 AM at his residence.

He was born on December 13, 1943 to Luther and Reba Irene (Rudluff) Smith Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He married Jo Catherine McNelly on June 4, 1976.

He was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired Corrections Officer from the Marion Federal Penitentiary. However the job he loved the most was as a school bus driver for Shawnee Unit 84 School District. He belonged to the Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Thebes, Illinois and loved it very much. Other activities include Body Building, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his Wife Jo Catherine Smith; Brother, J. Don (Sherri) Smith; Sons, Brian Smith and Randy (Sharon) Smith; Daughter, Teri; Step-daughters,

Darla (James) Matlock, Terri (Marlin) Burd, and Kim Smithey; Step-son Raymond E. Baugher Jr.; other Nieces and Nephews; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren of all whom he adored.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms with Rev. Turner officiating. Military honors will be accorded at the funeral home.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, December 21 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

Interment will follow the service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Thebes, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
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## Interment

DEC 21. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Thebes, IL



# Tribute Wall



“ *Luther "Jay" Smith*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the Family.*



**Lynn Anderson** - December 20, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther "Jay" Smith.*



December 20, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *Hi Jo, This is your cousin Sherrel. Shirley Jean's daughter. I'm very sorry for your husband's passing I hope you are as well as can be expected. My heart goes out to you. I'm pleased you have such a big family and all your children to keep you company. You take care of yourself. I pray for God to bless you and your family. I love you. Love Sherrel*

**Sherrel Hill** - December 20, 2022 at 09:08 AM

JC

*You and your family are in our thoughts & prayers, Jo. It was always good visiting with you & Jay. ❤️*

Joann Colyer-Toler - December 20, 2022 at 01:23 PM

JD

*“ From the obituary the wonderful person that he was is described perfectly. My condolences to the family. The blessed hope is that if he had accepted Jesus as his Savior, those of us who are saved will see him in heaven some day. See link on how to be saved. From Shirley Jean’s daughter. <https://titus2.com/the-plan-of-salvation/>*

Janet Lopez (Shirley Jean’s daughter) - December 20, 2022 at 08:40 AM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Luther "Jay" Smith.*



December 20, 2022 at 03:57 AM



*“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Luther "Jay" Smith.*



December 20, 2022 at 12:01 AM