



Richard "Dick" L. Smith

February 3, 1936 - September 5, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Richard "Dick" L. Smith

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN MEMORIAL GARDENS
3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

Richard L. "Dick" Smith, of Carterville, passed away on Friday, September 5, 2025 at Parkway Manor in Marion.

He was born to Earl and Ellen (Bowyer) Smith in West Frankfort, Illinois. He graduated from West Frankfort high school, and earned his Master's Degree in Special Education at Southern Illinois University.

Dick spent the majority of his career working for Tri-County Special Education in Murphysboro. In 1995, he was inducted into the Illinois Educator's Hall of Fame.

At age 46, he suffered a stroke and spent the remainder of his working years developing rental apartment properties with his wife Patty.

Dick also loved to buy sell and trade used cars and was an avid automobile enthusiast. He and his wife spent most of their leisure time with their good friends Beverly and Buddy Rogers, and Paula and Larry Franklin, both formerly of Carbondale.

Dick and Patty owned a Condominium unit in Fort Meyers, Florida. During their retirement years they spent winters in Florida near their daughter Susan and her family, and returned to Illinois in the spring.

Survivors include his children, David T. Smith (partner Beth Fransico), James W. Smith (wife Melanie), and Susan Goins (husband Tito Rivero); four grandchildren, Mara Runion, Samantha Smith, Ashley Goins, and Amanda Smith; as well as four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and first wife, Ernestine (Cox) Smith, his son Scott Richard Smith and second wife Patricia (Hayes) Smith,

A Graveside Service will be held at Boner Cemetery in West Frankfort, Illinois on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM

The cremation of Richard "Dick" L. Smith will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Funeral Home in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Boner Cemetery

West Frankfort, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 3. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Boner Cemetery
West Frankfort, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lori (Jones) Martin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Smith.*



Lori (Jones) Martin - September 23, 2025 at 03:57 PM