



Edward E. Smith

February 14, 1948 - January 19, 2026

Edward Eugene Smith, age 77, of Royal Oak, passed away on January 19, 2026.

Edward will be remembered as the beloved husband of Nancy (Overton) Smith, with whom he shared 53 years of marriage. He was a loving father to Sarah Ruzycki (Michael) and Christopher Smith, and a proud grandfather to Lilly and Michael Ruzycki.

Edward was born in 1948 to Ollie and Marjorie Smith of Berkley (Grayling), Michigan. He graduated from Berkley High School in 1966 and was drafted into the United States Army in 1968. Ed was stationed in Germany for two years and later served in the Missouri National Guard for the remainder of his military service.

Ed was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia (Marty) Fournier, and is survived by his brother, Doug (Sue) Smith, as well as his nieces and nephews.

Edward came from a family of truck drivers and drove double bulk for over 30 years. He spent many years enjoying the outdoors, teaching his children how to ski, taking snowmobile trips, and camping. He loved riding his motorcycle and was always up for attending a car show. He cared deeply for his family

and always did whatever it took to provide for them.

Ed will be laid to rest this spring in a columbarium at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Words of condolence may be sent to:

Nancy Smith

729 Baldwin Ave.,

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward E. Smith.*



January 27 at 03:20 PM



“ *Dr. Amir Kaki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward E. Smith.*

Dr. Amir Kaki - January 27 at 03:20 PM



“ *Julie purchased the "Always By Your Side" Cardinal Stained Glass Memorial Wind Chime for the family of Edward E. Smith.*



Julie - January 26 at 09:16 PM



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