



## Robert "Bob" Smee

January 21, 1934 - April 24, 2020

Robert T. Smee

Bob Smee of Utica passed away on April 24, 2020 after a short bout with cancer. He was 86.

Son of the late William and Margaret Smee. Predeceased by sisters Bridget Smee Raymond, Margaret Smee Ascenzo, and Patricia Smee; brothers John, William, and Stephen. Survived by his brother Kevin Smee of Bowie, Maryland.

Husband of the late Helen White Smee; stepfather of Danny White (Judy), Richard White (Ellen), and Deena White Mangiapane. 7 grandchildren , 6 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was born in Detroit in 1934, studied at Pershing High School, served in the United States Army, and spent his work career at Ford Motor Company, from where he retired.

A long time sports enthusiast, Bob followed the Lions and Tigers, and had a keen interest in thoroughbred racing. He participated in bowling, cross country skiing, and golf, even scoring a hole in one at Cracklewood Golf Club. In his later years, he enjoyed walking in Stoney Creek Metro Park, and the challenge of a good crossword puzzle.

"He always did a lot of good for our family," commented his brother Kevin Smee. He was always there for support, whether it was for his aging parents, siblings, and step family. "He could add interesting insights into just about any conversation," said his nephew Ron Ascenzo. "And he was truly an

unforgettable character, not by being overbearing, instead showing a comforting presence."

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 10:00 am at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Road, Utica Michigan 48312. Burial to follow immediately after at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Detroit, Michigan. A gathering to celebrate Bob's life will be held in the Spring of 2021.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 VanDyke  
Detroit, MI 48234

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
44633 Utica Road  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Bob was one of my all time favorite people in the world! Every time he walked through the door at the Shamrock he made my day. He was kind, generous, funny and well versed on so many things. I will miss the fun times we had going to fundraisers together (always with Tom and Amy of course). Bob can never be replaced, he is and will forever be greatly missed.

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**Kim McDonald** - October 26, 2020 at 09:18 PM

GC

“ Your caring and kindness will long be remembered. Rest with God, my friend, Gina Carden

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**Gina Carden** - October 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM

TA

“ Bob was the first journeyman I worked with when I got on the apprenticeship at Fords. Bob and his partner Gene Stralko were very important in me becoming a machine repairman. He was a great friend and I never forgot his part in my life

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**Terry Aul** - September 29, 2020 at 03:17 PM

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“ Bob was one of the first journeyman machine repairman I worked with at the Ford Sterling Axle Plant. He kind of took me under his wings so to speak. A very good teacher who had a knack for helping young apprentices. He really new his trade and was always eager to help me learn the trade. He was always cheerful and easy to work with. We use to kid him all the time about how greasy all of his tools were in his black box on wheels. One night when things were slow I took out of his box all of his tools and cleaned each and every one including the tool box. When he found out it was me he just laughed but said now it was MY JOB to get them all greasy again the way they were. Bob is also the one that gave me the nickname "PanPan" Perry. I always have good things to say about Bob. I know he will be missed by is large family and friends. Rest in PEACE my "FRIEND". Sincerely, Marc R Perry or as I was known to Bob as PanPan Perry

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**Marc R Perry** - September 27, 2020 at 05:11 PM