



## Ronald Smith

January 5, 1943 - December 19, 2016

Smith, Ronald Hilary, age 73, formerly of Fenton and Traverse City, died peacefully at home in Royal Oak on December 19, 2016. Ronald was born on January 5, 1943 to the late Frank and Gertie Smith from the small town of Westphalia, Michigan. In 1962 he graduated from MSD (Michigan School for the Deaf). Ronald went on to marry his classmate, Sharon, on January 9, 1965 and they made countless memories together for over 51 years.

It was important to Ronald to stay connected to the local Deaf community. He was an active member of the F.A.D. Club (Flint Association of the Deaf) and a former member of the D.A.D. Club (Detroit Association of the Deaf). Ronald worked for many years as a well-established self-employed carpenter. In Ronald's free time he enjoyed puzzles, cards, and keeping up with U of M football. It was rare to see him without his trademark U of M baseball cap.

Loving father of Terry and Christine (Keith) Russell; proud grandfather of Justin (Kelly) Alexander, Cameron Russell and Bridgette Russell; dear brother of Stanley (Shirley), Alice (Bob) Hafner, and the late (twin) Donald, Alvin, Pete, Bobby, Ruth Smith and MaryAnn Schneider; brother-in-law to Karen and Sue Smith, Pat Habitzruther, and Clair Schneider.

In accordance with Ronald's wishes, a memorial service will be held in Westphalia in 2017.

Memorials to the American Lung Association are appreciated.

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# Tribute Wall

CK

“ Already a month ago since Uncle Ron passed away. Such a talented, positive, caring Uncle. I'll always remember him for the fun Christmas parties, playing cards, his great sense of humor, signing with me and the family; building our house, and for the special memories of Ron with Aunt Sharon, Chrissy and Terry. I miss him but remember him every day as I see the work he did constructing our house in Farmington Hills. Now he's at peace with Grandma Gertie, Grandpa Frank, twin brother Donnie and siblings Ruth, MaryAnn, Bobby, Pete and my dad, Alvin. May you all rest in peace. Love, your niece Carol Koenigsknecht (Smith) & Randy

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**Carol Koenigsknecht** - January 19, 2017 at 08:45 PM

MS

“ Here's our sympathy to Ron's family. He was very generous guy & enjoyed all good memories of DAD & FAD.  
David & Melody Sharpe

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**Melody Sharpe** - January 08, 2017 at 03:48 PM

CH

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**chris** - December 22, 2016 at 07:48 AM

LH

“ *My condolences Chris to you and your family.*

*Loretha Hill (co-worker)*

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**Loretha Hill** - December 22, 2016 at 07:07 AM

DS

“ *Ron was so sweet, nice and gentleman ❤️ Henry and I are praying with you and your family for comfort and strength. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him very well. Hugs ❤️ ❤️*

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**Dalee and. Henry Strandell** - December 21, 2016 at 08:52 PM

MW

“ *Our sympathy for you and your family. Ron was great man who helped at FAD club. John and Maryjo*

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**Maryjo Wojcik** - December 21, 2016 at 04:05 PM

KM

“ *My Condolence and prayer is with Ronald Smith and his families and I know him for long time and he is very good man and very nice good friend to me and my family and will miss him.*

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**Ken Mahoney** - December 21, 2016 at 02:40 PM

SH

“ *Sheila Higgins lit a candle in memory of Ronald Smith*



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**Sheila Higgins** - December 21, 2016 at 12:25 PM

SR

“ *How he loved to tease those grandkids. Will miss him. Love you all*

Sandy Russell - December 21, 2016 at 11:57 AM

TT

“ *Oh this so sad . want to tell family very sorry.  
He is good man was my team at university  
bowling he teach me to bowl and see him at fad  
all the time.*



Thomas tersigni - December 21, 2016 at 05:41 AM

LM

“ *Lisa Marek lit a candle in memory of Ronald  
Smith*



Lisa Marek - December 20, 2016 at 10:55 PM

MB

“ *Ron & Sharon always had a big smile & a big hug whenever we saw  
them. I am so sorry. My thoughts & prayers are with the family.  
Heaven just received another Angel.  
Marsha Boerger*

Marsha Boerger - December 20, 2016 at 09:50 PM

PF

“ *Always a gentleman! Thanks for all Ron did for FAD and CAC! Our  
thoughts and prayers to the family during this time. 🍷🙏*

Peggy Frelich - December 20, 2016 at 09:37 PM

JW

“ *Judy (Boyle) Witherby lit a candle in memory of Ronald Smith*



**Judy (Boyle) Witherby** - December 20, 2016 at 09:32 PM

CR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**chris russell** - December 20, 2016 at 06:42 PM

MM

*Very nice picture*

**Mike mose** - December 20, 2016 at 08:56 PM

BV

*Beauty picture of Ron and his beauty wife Sharon*

**Barbara Varney** - December 20, 2016 at 08:59 PM

BV

*Put up the candle to remember him*

**Barbara Varney** - December 20, 2016 at 09:01 PM

LR

*Will always remember Ron's beautiful personality and his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed!*

**Laura Rodriguez** - December 21, 2016 at 01:37 AM



*This so nice lovey family*

**Thomas tersigni** - December 21, 2016 at 05:44 AM



*He is always my friend and always in our heart. Rest in peace Ron*

**Gerald Vernon** - December 21, 2016 at 07:21 AM



*Miss him sorely want say thank you what you did for TCAD.... Good job and good helper too. Big smile always .... Pray in your families. Hugs*

**Janet ONeil** - December 21, 2016 at 10:02 AM



*He was absolutely the BEST MAN at our wedding, will miss you "little brother" love Stan and Shirley*

**stan smith** - December 21, 2016 at 12:30 PM



*Such a sweet picture! 💜 nice to see happy couples still in love!*

**Heather Bubb-Piet** - December 21, 2016 at 10:19 PM