



Bennie Smith

December 16, 1944 - January 4, 2021

Bennie Smith, 76, entered heaven on Monday, January 4, 2021 at home in Lebanon, Indiana with family by his side. He was born on December 16, 1944 in Columbia, Kentucky; a son of the late Ferris Thurman “Firm” and Altia E. (Curtsinger) Smith.

Bennie was married to Bessie L. (Norris) Smith on August 19th, 1960 in Rushville, Illinois; she survives. They had recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. They moved to the Lebanon area and called it their home since 1972.

Bennie was gifted in auto body restoration. Numerous classic cars and multiple race cars which he restored are housed in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. He has always attributed his talent as a “God given gift”. He was also an accomplished mechanic. He spent twenty-two years employed by Carmel Concrete, Inc.

Bennie and Bessie have attended and been members of Lebanon Rock Church for forty years. Due to COVID-19 precautions and health issues, Pastor Jim Kyle of Fairview Congregational Christian Church has recently ministered to the family in their home. Bennie deeply loved his family and friends and carried a strong Christian faith.

Survivors include his wife: Bessie Smith of Lebanon; three daughters: Pamela Smith of Lebanon, Michelle Smith of Lebanon and Lisa Adams of Walkerton, Indiana; four grandsons, along with great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please send cards of loving thoughts and prayers to the family.

Private Family Services will be held Friday, January 8, 2021 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon, Indiana. Those attending are asked to follow the CDC guidelines, please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Due to the current pandemic, the services may be viewed by family and friends on the Myers Mortuary Facebook page beginning at 2 PM on January 8th.

Bennie will be laid to rest at Browns Wonder Cemetery in Lebanon, Indiana.
Online condolences: www.MyersMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Browns Wonder Cemetery

Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall

AV

“ I think of Mamaw and Papaw everyday, always have. I miss both of you. I love both of you. I've missed you both so much. I'm sorry I had gotten so caught up in work and the events of life. I see your picture everyday. I'm sorry for not being there for you. I'd give anything to laugh with you, and hug you again. Although my memory isn't very good anymore, just know I love you and miss you.



Avery - July 29, 2025 at 04:45 PM

DA

“ Not a day goes by that I don't think of you and Mammaw. My heart breaks because you two aren't here anymore. I miss you guys, but know you are no longer in pain, no more struggle, no more sorrow, joy forever more. I will always cherish the time we had together and the memories will have to hold me until I'm there with you in heaven.

Drew Adams - January 31, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ **Bennie Smith**

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

JS

“ **Bennie and I used to play on Green Street many years ago. His sister was first girl I ever kissed. Rest in peace buddy you will be missed. Bobby Reynolds will be with you there at Browns Wonder. He died in VN in 1966.**

Jim Surber - January 14, 2021 at 08:50 AM

PS

You are mistaken. Bennie was from Columbia, KY. He and his wife and three daughters moved to Lebanon in 1972. Perhaps you played with a different Bennie Smith.

Pamela Smith - January 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JS

“ *Bessie. Pam, Michelle and Lisa I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to each of you and I am sending prayers your way.*
Janet Shipley

Janet Shipley - January 10, 2021 at 09:46 PM

KK

“ *Bennie will always be remembered by the Kincaid family for great work on our "65" Mustang*
Always enjoyed seeing him at car shows and reminiscing about my dad and him when he was working on the car
He will be greatly missed
Our prayers go out to family

Kenny Kincaid - January 09, 2021 at 05:38 PM

 Drew Adams

“ *Pappaw was one of the smartest and most talented and caring people I know. He worked hard for everything, loved his family and friends. He was genuine and true to everyone he met. We have peace knowing he is in heaven with his siblings and parents, telling stories and laughing with Jesus. God bless my family and all of his friends on this difficult day. Love you Pappaw. Love you Mammaw, Mom, Chelle and Pamme with all my heart.*

Drew Adams - January 08, 2021 at 01:07 PM

SG

“ I worked with Benny at Carmel Concrete for many year’s. Was a great friend. A very talented man. I will miss our phone conversations. Say hello to pappy for me.
Scott Gordon

Scott and Patty Gordon - January 08, 2021 at 11:41 AM

NS

“ What many memories we have to cherish of Uncle Bennie! We always enjoyed his visits when he can to see us! We all loved him so very much! He will be in our hearts forever! Prayers for Bessie and his children!

nancy smith - January 08, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bennie Smith.



January 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JW

“ I had the privilege of working with Bennie for his 22 years at Carmel. Great trustworthy friend who shared his talents with all and I could always count on him. He was arrested find. Comfort and BLESSINGS to the family. REST in peace my brother. Joe Weaver

Joe Weaver - January 07, 2021 at 07:57 PM

K/

“ He was a good man. Treated people kind and he loved the Lord. Anyone that knew him knew he loved his family. Prayers to all. God will care for him now. Jacob said he sends special prayers for a special person.

Ken and Anne Tomlinson /Jacob - January 07, 2021 at 06:59 PM

PM

“ Phillip and Judy Medlin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bennie Smith.



Phillip and Judy Medlin - January 07, 2021 at 04:49 PM

JS

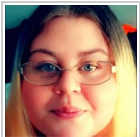
“ Bennie smith was great neighbor we the Eck's lived across the road from them he was a kind soul
Bess and ladies hugs to you couldn't ask for better neighbors then you guys

JeanEllen Summers(Eck) - January 07, 2021 at 04:05 PM

LH

“ I remember when I first met Bennie it was like he had known me forever. He loved my girls a lot. RIP my dear friend!

Lisa Hudson - January 07, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ He was the best uncle in the world he told me and my sister many ghosts stories my favorite one was where's my thumb I will always miss you and love uncle Bennie

Dawn Callarman - January 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM

BW

You couldn't ask for a better friend. I never had a brother but benny was better. I will miss him every day.

Bill west - January 07, 2021 at 07:22 PM

Jan Raderstorf

“ *Bennie and Bessie, aka Mom n Dad, aka Papaw Bennie and Mamaw Bessie always have a special place in my heart. They loved me and my children like their own. My special memories are those of them loving on my 4 kids. I'm so glad I got to spend time with them last year and sad I wasn't able to in this past year. "Papaw Bennie" was beyond special. I love you!*

Jan Raderstorf - January 07, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Uncle Bennie was my dad's baby brother. I've heard many funny stories about him growing up. I'm going to miss him dearly. Prayers to the family.*

Tammy Smith-Jacobs - January 07, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DE

“ *I always looked forward to seeing Bennie at the Lebanon car show. He was a great neighbor to have growing up. So sorry for your loss.*

Dab Eck - January 07, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Teresa Eck and all of the Eck family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Bennie Smith.*



Dan & Teresa Eck and all of the Eck family - January 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM