



Larry James Smith

February 7, 2016

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Rayne, LA - Funeral services will be held at Gossen Funeral Home Chapel, Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 2:30 pm for Larry James Smith , 68, who died Sunday, February 7, 2016 in Acadia General Hospital in Crowley, LA.

Interment will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery #2, Rayne, LA.

Surviving are one daughter, Sabrina Bilodeau' Smith of Canada; his "lil' sister" Godchild/niece, Lisa Smith Soileaux and husband, Darrell of Rayne; brothers, Jimmy Smith, Sr. and wife, Peggy of Rayne, and Kenneth Smith of Mire; niece, Janice Smith Stutes and husband, Thomas of Crowley; nephew, John Dale Duplechine of Mire; nephew, Jonathan Smith of Mire; niece, Shase Smith of Mire; great-niece, Leslee Soileaux Gagliano and husband, Sam; great-nephew, Tommy Stutes and wife, Simone; great-nephew, Trent Stutes; great-great-nieces and nephews, Jude, Cecilia; Madeline, Catherine, Samantha, Isabella, Trevor, and Emily; along with a number of loving and caring family members and close friends.

He was preceded in death by parents, Lawrence Joseph "Chak" Smith and Bernice Cormier Smith, nephew, Jimmy "Bubba" Smith, Jr., and finance and love of his life, Glenda "T-Cat" Young.

Larry proudly served as an infantryman during the Vietnam War, where he rose to the rank of Sergeant in the U.S. Army. As a member of the 1st Cavalry Division, his decorations included the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Air Medal, the Vietnam Campaigne Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Memorial Day was a special time for him, as he remembered his fallen comrades lost during that horrific time of U.S. history.

Known as "Uncle Larry" to many, his quick wit and amusing stories will be missed by the many he had come to know throughout the 20 years he was employed as maintenance supervisor of the Rayne Housing Authority, in addition to his previous employment at Rayne-Branch Hospital and The Morrow Company.

He never met a stranger and was always willing to strike up a conversation, no matter the topic. French was a language he loved, and he was always willing to visit with the older residents about their Cajun roots. He was one of a kind, and he will be remembered for his sense of humor and willingness to help others.

Larry was a 1966 graduate of Rayne High School, and also completed double studies at the present-day Louisiana Technical College, Acadian Campus, in Crowley.

A rosary will be recited Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Gossen Funeral Home in Rayne, LA.

Friends will be received at Gossen Funeral Home, Inc., Rayne, LA Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 1:00 pm until 9:00 pm and Thursday, February 11, 2016, 8:00 am until 2:30 pm.

Friends may view the obituary and guestbook online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

Gossen Funeral Home, Inc.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery #2

400 East Betty Street
Rayne, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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504 N. Polk Street
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Rosary

FEB 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB 11. 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 11. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry to hear that Uncle Larry passed away on Sunday. May he rest in the Peace of God. Know he will be sorely missed by all - especially Leslee, Jude, & Cecilia. Certainly enjoyed his Cajun hospitality and stories when we visited Rayne!



Paul and Linda Gagliano - February 11, 2016 at 11:28 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. Larry was a kind man who would help anyone!! He was the biggest joker around. My kids even loved him. Rest Easy Mr. Larry.

Lady Jones - February 10, 2016 at 03:42 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss...Larry was truly a super person with a great personality, to know him was to love him. Rest in peace Larry, will keep you in my prayers.

Erleen Lantier Avelino - February 09, 2016 at 07:07 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. May God bless his soul. He was a great guy with an equally great family. Rest in peace brother!

William - February 09, 2016 at 02:16 PM

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I was shocked to read about Larry's passing. I always loved him. He was so friendly and nice to all.

Rest in peace Larry. My prayers are with you and your entire family.

Sapha Lantier Richard - February 10, 2016 at 07:09 AM