



Ben J. Smith

May 4, 1945 - May 14, 2022

Ben J. Smith, 77, of East Peoria, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at The Loft in Eureka. He was born in Peoria on May 4, 1945, to Ben and Ida Mae (Bannon) Smith.

He is survived by his son Benjamin J. (Darla) Smith of East Peoria; grandson, Tom Smith; long-time companion, Peggy Burton; his sister, Betty (Gary) Schuster of Pekin; two brothers, Bob Smith of Bartonville and Bill (Becky) Smith of Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter, Emily Smith. Ben retired from Caterpillar on April 1, 1996, after working 31 years as a machinist. He loved classic cars and was a member of the River City Street Rods and Slow Pokes Car Club.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Inurnment will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Bartonville. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude or the Parkinson's Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John's Lutheran Cemetery

6614 W. Smithville Road
Bartonville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Ben J. Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Ben, Darla and Tom, Our deepest condolences. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Miss you guys!!!*

Eric, Michelle, ryan and Emma Guenther

Eric Guenther - May 18, 2022 at 12:35 AM



“ *I really miss Ben we would work on the car's a little bit then go play some pool we had some good times up stairs.R.I.P. old friend.....*

David K. Harr - May 16, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Ben Darla and Tom...our thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

ray and jackie gilles - May 16, 2022 at 12:57 PM