



Chris Michael Smith

January 4, 1954 - October 3, 2021

Dateline: Edwardsville, IL

Chris Michael Smith, 67, died at 3:25 a.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021. He was born January 4, 1954 in Alton, the son of Robert Smith of Sacramento, CA and the late Katherine (Florris) Cole. He served in the U. S. Air Force, was a Teamster and was a member of the NRA. Chris worked many years as an over road truck driver. He was an avid fisherman and fished in many Bass tournaments in the area. He loved country music and his sleeveless flannel shirts; Chris was a true American. Surviving are one daughter, Christy Fansher (James) of East Alton, IL, one granddaughter, Cayla Fansher, his partner, Debbie Maloney of Alton, IL, one brother, Chuck Ivester (Julie Rights) of Arcadia, FL, three sisters, Toni Gallant (Berard) of Edwardsville, IL, Kathy Dougherty of St. Louis, MO, Melinda Smith of Sacramento, CA, one brother-in-law, Mark Gernigan of Rosewood Heights, IL, and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with his mother he was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Gernigan. A memorial visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Full military honors will be held by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
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Alton, IL 62002
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Memorial Service

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Chris Michael Smith

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Chris Michael Smith

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Chris was a long time friend. I especially appreciated the time he took to talk to my Daughter about her battle with cancer. He will be missed. Prayers to his family.

Roger Lyons - October 11, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chris Michael Smith.



October 09, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ I will forever cherish sharing a good laugh with Chris about the funny things our dad said or did. Adios brother!

Melinda Smith - October 04, 2021 at 10:32 PM

JF

“ Christy and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We know he battled a long time. Sending love, hugs, and prayers to you and your family! 🤝🙏❤️
Scott, Jamie and Naomi Fader

jamie fader - October 04, 2021 at 08:20 PM

DS

“ Christy and family, my prayers are with you and yours at this sad time, also my condolences. I will always have my memories of Chris being a fun and considerate human being. Memories are forever.....stay strong Christy and you know where I am. With all my love, Diana Smith and family

Diana Smith - October 04, 2021 at 07:30 PM

DM

Debbie, Christy, Toni and families, so sorry for your loss of Chris. He was a nice guy. Prayers of comfort for your broken hearts.
Dennis and Pam Maxeiner

Dennis and Pam Maxeiner - October 04, 2021 at 08:14 PM

LC

To the family of Chris. He was such a nice guy. The Cline family thought of him as a brother. He fought a good fight. He is out of pain and I'm sure he will be looking over everyone. Again, this world has lost a very special guy. May he Rest In Peace. Lonnie and Debbie Cline

Lonnie & Debbie Cline - October 10, 2021 at 02:25 PM