



## James Wesley Smith

December 6, 1950 - April 21, 2012

Dateline: Alton

James Wesley Smith, 61, died at 3:22 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012 at his home. Born December 6, 1950 in Wood River, he was the son of Roscoe Wesley and Nellie Louise (Mathis) Smith. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. He worked as a boiler mechanic for the State of Missouri. He was an active Boy Scout leader, seeing both of his sons and others achieve Eagle Scout. He thoroughly enjoyed his family and spending as much time with them as possible. On November 24, 1973 in Boston, MA, he married the former Denise Salaris. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, Jaymie Smith (Amy) of Godfrey, and Brent Smith (Katy) of Alton, three grandchildren, Kasey and Jackson Smith and Noah Myers, three brothers and two sisters. A memorial visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate. Memorials may be made to ALS, Alzheimer's Association, Wounded Warriors Project, St. Ambrose School Endowment or a charity of choice. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Wesley Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *James Wesley Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I went all through school with Jim and he was the best...may he Rest in Peace. My prayers to you and your family.*

**Sandra Davis Piening** - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *JON AND ENTIRE SMITH FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH JON AND KNEW YOUR PARENTS VERY WELL. IT BREAKS YOUR HEART TO LOSE A LOVED ONE BUT KNOWING YOU WILL MEET AGAIN IN HEAVEN IS SO COMFORTING...I PRAY GOD GIVES YOU STRENGTH TO GET THRU THIS...GOD BLESS...HUGS JON AND YOUR FAMILY*

**SUSAN WILBURN OETKEN AND FAMILY** - April 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Denise,*

*May it help in your time of sadness to know we are thinking of you  
and sending our love and prayers.*

*Love,*

*The Cronin's*

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**Cronin's** - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Know that my prayers are with you and your family. I am so sorry to  
hear about Jim. O was shocked when Carolyn send me the dead  
notice. Give my love to the boys. Sister M. Petra*

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**Sister M. Petra** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Denise, Jaymie, Brent and families,*

*We were so surprised when we saw the paper this morning. Jeff call us this evening to confirm the sad news.*

*We have always appreciated you and Jim so much for sharing the love of Scouting with Jeff. I will always remember giving the Scouts a big round of applause with Jim leading the way.*

*Words always seem to fail me at times like this. My sorrow for your family is deep and I will be saying prayers for you.*

*With our deepest sympathy,*

*Liz and John*

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**John and Liz Kuhn** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Denise,

*Words can not express my sadness for you during this time. Jim was a wonderful "grandfather" to my boys and will never be forgotten. He exemplified what a great grandfather, father and husband should be. He was a good friend to us during our hard times. He was a great husband, devoted and faithful. His life will not be forgotten. We are there for you in whatever way we can help. We love you and are praying for you and your family.*

*Teresa, David, Ryan, Nathan and Nancy*

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**Teresa Boyd Thornton** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Jamey, Amy and Family,

*We are very sorry to hear about your dad. It is hard to find comforting words to show our sympathy. Please know that if you need anything, please do not hesitate to call.*

*Keeping you in our thoughts,*

*Bill, Chris, John and Christian Grace*

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**Grace Family** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM