



## Richard M. "Rick" Smith

April 13, 1951 - June 16, 2016

Richard M. "Rick" Smith, age 65 of Zanesville, OH died 2:03 PM, Thursday, June 16, 2016 at Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, OH.

He was born Friday, April 13, 1951 in Hutchinson, PA the son of Fred L Smith and Mary F. (Ursic) Smith. He was married on December 12, 1976 to Sherril (Phillips) Smith.

He was Catholic by Faith. Rick devoted his life to educating and coaching in area schools and across Ohio. He was an avid golfer. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially doting on his six grandchildren never missing athletic events and supplying them with "pappy's special treats."

Surviving are his wife of 39 years Sherril of the home, one daughter, Renee (Chris) Weaver of Upper Arlington, one son, Jason (Brigitta) Smith of Zanesville; six grandchildren, Ty Michael Elekes Smith, Colin James Weaver, Maryn Marie Weaver, Iyana May Smith, Sy Joseph Smith and Sydney Maine Smith; two god-daughters, Camilla and Alana Zavala; his god-mother Frances (Ursic) Shink; uncle Alan (JoAnn) Smith; many nieces and nephews and several friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Rick's honor to the Genesis Cancer Center.

Friends may call from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, OH & 10:00 AM 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Grace United Methodist Church, 516 Shinnick St, Zanesville, OH 43701. A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at Grace United Methodist Church 516 Shinnick St, Zanesville, OH 43701 with Rev. Steve McGuire officiating. Burial will conclude in the Zanesville Memorial Park Zanesville.

To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit [www.hilliscombsnestor.com](http://www.hilliscombsnestor.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 21.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Visitation

**JUN 22.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
516 Shinnick Street  
Zanesville, OH 43701

## Funeral Service

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JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church  
516 Shinnick Street  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard M. "Rick" Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Oh no... I just got on line to see if I could find Rick and Sherril and saw his obit. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his loving family. Ricks heart was gigantic and so full of excitement and venture. My husband Ken Newland and I both thought the sun rose and sat in Rick, one great coach, educator, loved his wife dearly and felt so blessed with his children and now their children. I send my so sad sympathy and know he lived a fully satisfying life. I love ya Charlotte Newland Ft Myers, FL*

**Charlotte Newland** - November 03, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ *Sheryl Foutz West lit a candle in memory of Richard M. "Rick" Smith*



**Sheryl Foutz West** - June 30, 2016 at 10:06 AM



*So very sorry for your loss...*

**Sheryl Foutz West** - June 30, 2016 at 10:07 AM

BS

“ *Biff and Lorna Smith purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



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**Biff and Lorna Smith** - June 21, 2016 at 09:35 AM

BB

“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Smith family. Rick was an amazing person.*

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**Brian Bell** - June 21, 2016 at 08:42 AM

GD

“ *I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Gail Detty*



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**Gail Detty** - June 20, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



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June 20, 2016 at 05:42 PM

DO

“ Please accept our condolences for your loss. We are friends of Tye grandparents,. know that we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers Tom And Donna Pierce

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donna - June 20, 2016 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that everyone can find comfort and strength through family and friends! May God be with all of you. love to all.

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Denise Shink - June 20, 2016 at 02:18 PM

DL

“ Drew, Heather, Lexie, Brayden, & Campbell Layne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.



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Drew, Heather, Lexie, Brayden, & Campbell Layne - June 20, 2016 at 01:15 PM



“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Hillis Combs Funeral Home - June 20, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



June 20, 2016 at 09:02 AM



“ *The Weaver, Duffey and Miranda families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



**The Weaver, Duffey and Miranda families** - June 20, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ *Jason and Renee:*

*Sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. I am sure that this is a very difficult time for you.*

*My deepest sympathy.*

*FREY, your former science teacher @ ZHS.....*

**Gary Frey** - June 19, 2016 at 11:10 PM

JB

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Rick. We are family of Steven and Linda Smith and just wanted to send our thoughts and prayers to the family.

*With our deepest sympathy,  
Jackie and Kevin Berggren*

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**Jackie and Kevin Berggren** - June 19, 2016 at 08:03 PM

SC

“ Susan & Mark Crews lit a candle in memory of Richard M. "Rick" Smith



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**Susan & Mark Crews** - June 19, 2016 at 06:54 PM

SU

*Our deepest sympathy. May our Lord comfort your family.*

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**Susan** - June 19, 2016 at 06:57 PM

TE

“ Tammy Gibson Eichler lit a candle in memory of Richard M. "Rick" Smith



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**Tammy Gibson Eichler** - June 19, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



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June 19, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Dear Jason, my heart is broken for you. I am sad for your family. The memories of the great times we had when you guys first came to town come flooding back. We ate dinner at your house on Longview and your dad made the best barbecue sauce for the pork chops. We sat around the table and laughed at you and John. You were so cute. So many memories. I pray that you find comfort in the arms of your beautiful family and friends. John and I love you very much. You know you can count on us for anything and your mom, too. I've been in touch with her. Love to you, Jason...💔💔💔💔*

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**Annette Williamson** - June 19, 2016 at 07:36 AM



“ *Jeanine (Kovach) Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard M. "Rick" Smith*



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**Jeanine (Kovach) Williamson** - June 18, 2016 at 02:14 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with your family during this sad time.*

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**Jeanine (Kovach) Williamson** - June 18, 2016 at 02:17 PM

AH

“ So sorry for your loss. We met Rick and the rest of the Smiths when they came here to become Blue Devils. We have many fond memories of our sons playing baseball with Jason, Rick was always there to cheer them on and give advice. Since both boys played on teams with Jason, it was a long lived time in our lives. Many happy, fun times. More fun times being cheer parents while Renee and our daughter were teammates in high school. We reunited as Lil Devils grandparents to watch our special first born grandchildren, also! I am sure he will be watching all of the kiddos from Heaven, cheering them on in whatever they do! Blessings and love from the Hoffers.

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**Anne Hoffer** - June 18, 2016 at 08:00 AM

HT

“ Sherrill...I'm so sorry. 🤍



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**Holly Tryon** - June 18, 2016 at 04:21 AM

JJ

“ Janet Joseph lit a candle in memory of Richard M. "Rick" Smith



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**janet joseph** - June 17, 2016 at 09:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



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June 17, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.*



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June 17, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Rick's family. Cousin William Ursic, Jr. and family.*

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**william b Ursic** - June 17, 2016 at 03:58 PM

DB

“ We are very sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Rick was a true friend and overall nice guy. I will miss the opportunity to continue our discussions on most any topic. I remember well the day that Rick and Jason pulled in the ZHS parking lot in the motor home which started a friendship not only for Rick and I but for Brian and Jason who spent the rest of the summer running the halls and playing baseball. Those are truly great memories!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time great loss.

*Barb and Dave Bell*

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**Dave Bell** - June 17, 2016 at 03:52 PM

MH

“ Mike,N.J.,Tanya Dorsey~~Tammy, Ken & Jenna Houston purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard M. "Rick" Smith.



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**Mike,N.J.,Tanya Dorsey~~Tammy, Ken & Jenna Houston** -  
June 17, 2016 at 03:27 PM

MD

“ *Sherill and Family*  
*Mike and I are so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was a true friend!*  
*He will be missed by many!*  
*Never knew when he would pop in with some new adventure he would come up with.*  
*He was a true sales man of many traits.*  
*Just know you are all in our Prayers*  
*Love Mike and Norma Jane*

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**Mike and Norma Jane Dorsey** - June 17, 2016 at 02:52 PM

CH

“ *Renee, We are very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Craig & Lindsey Hauzie*

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**Craig Hauzie** - June 17, 2016 at 02:01 PM

DL

“ *Coach Smith So very sorry to hear about your dads passing. Loosing a parent is not easy hold onto all the great memories you have - they are what will help get you through your days. Know you and your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Brent, Diana and Hunter Lavy*



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**Diana Lavy** - June 17, 2016 at 01:52 PM