



John L Smith

October 26, 1959 - September 6, 2019

John L. Smith, 59, of Ossian, passed away on Friday evening, September 6, 2019 at his residence.

He was born on October 26, 1959 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Troy M. and Iona M (Dawson) Smith. He attended Norwell High School. John worked for Standard Plastics in Bluffton and was the owner/operator of S & H Roofing and Construction for 15 years.

John and Diane S. Smith were married on February 5, 1995 in Ossian.

Survivors include his wife Diane of Ossian, along with seven children; Tiffany (Eric) Bendes, Kristi (Loren) Landis, Amy Smith, Dillon Smith, Athena (Les) Bagley, Amanda (Charles) Seidenstricker, all of Bluffton and Jamie Aldred of Decatur.

He was a loving Papa to 11 grandchildren; Jacob, Conner, Madi, Elijah, Austin, Arissa, Kyler, Xyzavier, Kree, Audrey and Preston.

John is also survived by his siblings Kim (Rob) Banas of Bluffton and Rodney Smith of Fort Wayne.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Troy & Iona Smith, and siblings; Sharon Meli, Sue Newton and Sara Smith.

Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday (September 12, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Tony Robles and Pastor Arley Higginbotham officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Wednesday and for one hour prior to

the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in John's memory to Community Cares of Wells County.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to John's family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.
Ossian, IN 46777
(260) 622-6526

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John L Smith*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 11, 2019 at 02:11 PM

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Man I miss you Big Brother

Rodney Smith - October 03, 2025 at 04:51 PM

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“ *Love and miss you Big brother*

Rodney Smith - January 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *John L Smith*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

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“ John and I met at Corning Glass in the mid 70’s. We had so many good times. We loved to go fishing. We loved to play pool-John even had a pool table in his living room. I remember our Saturday night poker games with our co-workers, once a month, because we worked all the other Saturdays.

John loved his wife, his kids and grand-kids. He told me that many times. When I am around John’s family, I can feel the love and see the next generation that is part of John’s legacy.

I am very thankful that our paths crossed, and I had a friend like John for so many years.

Sam Cook

Sam Cook - September 12, 2019 at 08:30 AM

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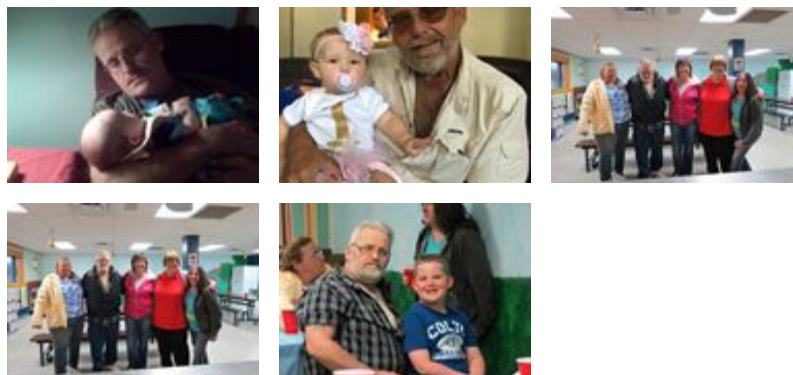
“ Diane All if us at BRC share your loss. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts.



Charles Chaffee - September 11, 2019 at 08:13 PM



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“ My condolences to John's family and friends. I remember him as a quiet man whose faith was solid and his love for the Lord ran deep. I will be praying for all of you during this time of grieving.

*In His Love,
Bonnie David
(Cammie Robles Aunt)*

Bonnie David - September 10, 2019 at 10:20 AM

RS

I love and miss you Big Brother. 🚢

Rodney Smith - May 08, 2023 at 03:15 PM