



## Michael W. Smekens

August 2, 1940 - May 1, 2023

Michael W. Smekens, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023, at his home of natural causes.

Mike was born on August 2, 1940, in Bluffton to Clemen & Martha (Kelly) Smekens. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1958 and worked at Franklin Electric in Bluffton. Mike served for 20 years in the Wells County Sherriff's Department and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Parlor City Lodge #134.

Survivors include his children; Amy (Jarrod) Gerber of Bluffton, Chad (Amy) Smekens of Monroe and 7 grandchildren: Isaac Gerber, Caleb Gerber, Audrey Gerber, Madison Smekens, Reagan Smekens, Cailyn Smekens and Lauren Smekens, and a sister, Suzie (Gary) Studebaker of Palm Harbor, FL.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Patrick Scott Smekens, and two brothers: John & Joe Smekens and a sister, Jane Waters.

As Mike requested, there will be no formal service at this time. Memorials may be made in Mike's memory to the FOP Cops for Kids Program and can be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ *ruth graham lit a candle in memory of Michael Smekens*



**ruth graham** - May 22, 2023 at 02:50 PM

LF

“ *Lynnette Fisher lit a candle in memory of Michael Smekens*



**Lynnette Fisher** - May 08, 2023 at 12:17 PM

CH

“ *Carolyn Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Michael Smekens*



**Carolyn Hunnicutt** - May 05, 2023 at 11:51 AM

VJ

“ *Valerie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Michael Smekens*



**Valerie Wilson Jackson** - May 04, 2023 at 03:13 PM

SS

“ 5 files added to the album Young Mike



Suzie Studebaker - May 02, 2023 at 02:51 PM

LF

*Suzie, I'm sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I bought a car from him and knew him while dating John. Although I have not seen him in years, I know he will be missed by many.*

Linda Fornwalt - May 03, 2023 at 02:05 PM

CH

*So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. My husband and I enjoyed talking with him over the years and will miss his friendship.*

Carolyn Hunnicutt - May 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DG

“ *Sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I always enjoyed working with Mike when he was road officer. Years later Mike was my boss when I worked at the Wells co jail. Lots of good times and memories. The Smekens family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - May 02, 2023 at 08:58 AM