



Charles Robert "Bob" Smith

December 25, 1939 - April 28, 2023

Charles R. "Bob" Smith,

83, of Greenfield, passed away April 28, 2023 after a brief illness. Bob was co-owner and operator of "Smitty's" Indianapolis Marine Co., manufacturer of custom boat canvas for 50 years, with his brother, Tim.

A lifelong bachelor, Bob enjoyed summers at his home around the pool, a popular gathering place for family and friends, and winters at his "Olde Naples" home in Florida, where he enjoyed relaxing on the Naples beach and pier chatting with friends old and new.

Bob enjoyed making people laugh and was notorious in Indy and Naples for cruising the streets in one of his classic autos accompanied by an array of stuffed animal characters, to the joy, laughter and dismay of all. Born on Christmas Day 1939, Bob often told folks "He and Jesus were born on the same day," followed by, "but not the same year".

Bob's favorite holiday however was Halloween, which he celebrated for days by decorating his vehicles with spiders, bats, rats and a variety of creepy creatures.

Bob was a graduate of Scecina Memorial High School's second graduating class and attended St. Francis de Sales and St. Philip Neri grade schools. He considered St. Philip Neri his home parish for life.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Charles F. Smith; mother, Mary Jane Smith; brother, Ted Smith; brother-in-law, Roy Pellegrin; and niece, Brenda Pellegrin. He is survived by nine siblings, Tim (Pat) Smith, Barb Pellegrin, Pat

(Dave) Caskey, Steve (Rita) Smith, Phil Smith, Sue (Steve) Goodson, Donnie Smith, Danny Smith, and Rick Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 12 noon at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 550 N. Rural St., with visitation there one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
550 North Rural Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Even though I did not know Bob personally, he will be missed in our neighborhood, driving around with various stuffed animals and waving. He certainly enjoyed making people smile.* ”



Joni Patterson - August 02, 2023 at 02:59 PM

BW

“ *Bob Smith...always a fun guy. Seems I recall his yellow 57 Ford retractable hardtop convertible when the family lived on Millersville Road a lifetime ago.* ”

Bill Wells - May 23, 2023 at 10:52 AM

RC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Rich & Carolyn - May 03, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MM

*Dear Barbara,
Bob sounds like a real character and lots of fun. I believe that a person lives on when they are loved and their positive actions continue to make us smile.
I am sorry for your loss.
Mary McMullan*

Mary McMullan - May 05, 2023 at 11:58 AM

SO

“ Sonya purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles Robert "Bob" Smith.



Sonya - May 02, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Robert "Bob" Smith.



May 02, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Robert "Bob" Smith.



May 02, 2023 at 08:31 AM