



Paul Michael Smith
1948 - 2017

Paul "Gator" Michael Smith, 68 yrs, of Temperance, MI. Died Saturday in Heartland Hospice, Sylvania, OH. Friends may gather on Thursday, September 28, 2017, from 2PM until the Memorial Service at 7 PM at the Capaul Funeral Home, Ida, MI. Cremation has occurred. Burial of Cremains will take place at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Born September 24, 1948, in Monroe, MI. Paul was the son of Lauren and Betty Sue (Chambers) Smith. He was a 1966 Ida High School Graduate where he was a team captain of the football team. He served in the Marine Corp (Semper Fi) and served a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was severely wounded and awarded the Purple Heart and additional military honors. Paul was a line-worker/ welder for the Ford Motor Company, Monroe Plant for 30 yrs, retiring in 2002. He was a member of UAW Local 723, Monroe, MI, who loved motorcycles (Harley Davidsons), cars, watching NASCAR and an avid University of Michigan football fan. His greatest love was his Rottweiler dog, Al. Gator and Al were inseparable.

Survivors include: his brother, Doug (Debra) Smith; sisters, Dawn (Donald) Arnold, Twila (Jon) Starkey; nephews and nieces, Keely (Chris) Lapp, Tasha (Adam) Barrick, Korey Starkey, Nathan (Mai) Smith, Lynzee (Kurt) Vandecaveye, Connor Smith and a great-niece, Maeve Barrick. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be sent to: Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Road, Ste 105 Northfield, IL 60093 or Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517.

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