



## Gary Holton Smith Sr.

November 28, 1945 - February 24, 2023

Gary Holton Smith Sr., 77, of Bowling Green, passed away Friday, February 24, 2023 at the Veteran's Home in Mexico, Missouri.

Memorial services for Gary will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory with Pastor John Davis officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, February 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation rites are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Gary was born November 28, 1945 in Bowling Green, Missouri to Charles Day and Wilma (Wood) Smith. He was united in marriage to Flordeliza Cruza on September 18, 2012 in the Philippines. She survives.

Also surviving are sons, Gary Smith Jr. of Hannibal and Nathaniel Holton Smith of Bowling Green; daughters, Christine Calloway (Ken) of San Diego, California, Renee Walter (Aaron) of Elk Heart, Indiana, and Angie Silvey (Larry) of Louisiana, Missouri; grandchildren: Brian Smith, Jeremiah Smith, Myles Smith, Morgan Findley (Andre), and Sheldon Silvey; great-grandchildren: Ty Findley, Ella Findley, Kaiden Silvey, Lincoln Silvey, and one due in March; brothers, Leon Smith and Loren "Woody" Smith; sisters, Jewel Smith, Elouise Weese, and Edith See; along with nieces, nephews, and a large extended family.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elizabeth E. “Judy” Smith; grandson, Zach Silvey; brother, Riley Joe Smith; and sisters, Linda Quest, Jeanie Todd, and Geneva Mingee.

Gary attended Curryville Elementary and then Bowling Green High School. After high school, Gary joined the Marines and served in Vietnam, where he repaired tanks and anything on tracks. Upon returning to the States, Gary spent time in California and Illinois, eventually ending up back in Missouri. He worked as an appliance and auto repairman, though he could fix just about anything.

Gary lived to fish and go boating with his buddies. He also enjoyed spending time with family and playing scratch-off lottery tickets. He was especially fond of his German Shepard dogs. His favorite was Katie, with her litter going for K-9 training. Gary was a member of the VFW.

Memorials may be made to the Mexico Veteran’s Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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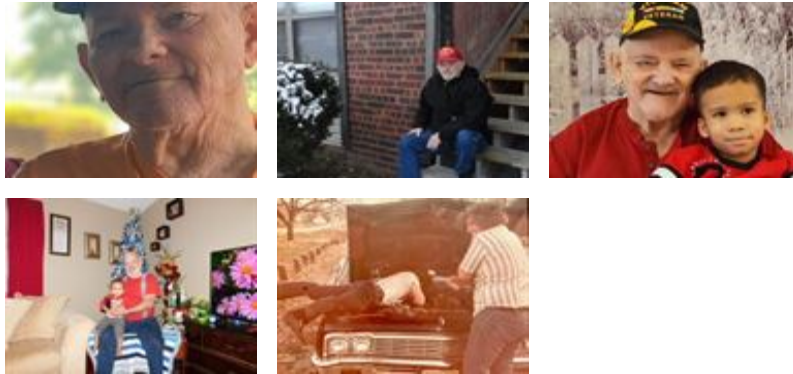
“ SO SORRY TO HEAR GARY DIED. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND.



GAIL RUTTER - March 02, 2023 at 09:58 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bibb-Veatch Funeral Home's, LLC. - February 28, 2023 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ Marty And Coreena Burke lit a candle in memory of Gary Holton Smith Sr.



Marty and Coreena Burke - February 27, 2023 at 08:11 PM

CG

“ Chris And Jody Green lit a candle in memory of Gary Holton Smith Sr.



Chris and Jody Green - February 25, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ Tom & Charlotte Lilley lit a candle in memory of Gary Holton Smith Sr.



Tom & Charlotte Lilley - February 25, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Holton Smith Sr..



February 25, 2023 at 02:36 AM

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“ I WENT TO CURRYVILLE--BG--AND RODE THE BUS WITH HIM--OUR SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILIES



LARRY AND NANCY THURMAN NATION - February 24, 2023 at 09:17 PM