



Dale Lee Smith

April 12, 1962 - December 2, 2022

ADRIAN- Dale Lee Smith, 60, of Adrian, Michigan passed away on December 2, 2022.

Born on April 12, 1962, Dale was the second of three sons to Nancy A. Smith. Following his graduation from Adrian High School, Dale earned a B.A. in Economics from Kalamazoo College and later went on to earn a Masters in Finance from Eastern Michigan University. From a young age, he began acquiring various residential buildings and even formed his own development company. Thereafter, he went on to earn his J.D. from Cooley School of Law, then returned to Lenawee County to open his own law firm.

In 1987, Dale married Gayle Crocker and together they had two daughters: Kelsey Lee Smith and McKenna Ann Smith. Dale is also survived by his mother, Nancy A. Smith, his two brothers, Rick J. (Chantelle) Smith and Brad J. (Chan) Smith, as well as a number of nieces and nephews: Robinson Smith, Ruby Smith, Ravell Smith, Maceo Smith, and Aja Smith.

Dale was the life of the party, with his wit and humor drawing in friends from all walks of life. In his free time, he could be found out on the lake, traveling, or frequenting Detroit Redwings games. He religiously attended the Big 10 Basketball Tournament and enjoyed rooting for both University of Michigan and Michigan State University – and when that rival game happened whoever

won was his team. He always left a winner. Dale loved hitting the links with his buddies, jawing with his brothers, and blasting music of all genres especially Reggae, but most of all he loved his two daughters; having them join him out on the sandbar, meet up for a college football tailgate, or simply just to sit and play cards after a long summer day.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 3 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, in Adrian. Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peace Development Fund or Gofundme.com for the benefit of Protect the Irish Hills.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, in Adrian, where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.wagleyfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dale Lee Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ My heart is deeply saddened at the lost of a wonderful man! He will be greatly missed! Dale never thought of himself and was always there to help me and my family whenever I needed advise! God's blessings to the Smith family at this difficult time.



Cathy Fagerman - January 11, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ Dale was a wonderful person who genuinely wanted to help others. I only knew him professionally, but he was always willing to give legal advice that was honest and in the best interest of the individual. He helped me and my family on two different occasions figure out what to do in some very stressful situations. I will always be grateful to him for that.

Christy Mesaros-Winckles - December 11, 2022 at 08:39 AM

TR

“ My deepest condolences go out to the family in the loss of a truly great person. Dale was always willing to help others when he could (or even when he couldn't) and never expected anything in return. He was truly the life of the party and was passionate about making sure all around him enjoyed themselves. Dale is for sure a member of the Adrian High Class of 1979 and will be missed by all. i also know down deep he is a Michigan State guy. God Bless the family and stay strong and keep the faith! Troy Henagan

troy - December 07, 2022 at 01:11 PM

AI

“ Gregg and I really loved Dale. He was always a bright light in a dreary world. He made us laugh all the time! We saw him last Wednesday at the Red Wings game. I am so glad we saw him last week and grateful we were friends. Rest easy Dale. We hope to see you again someday.

Adrienne Lesli Iddings - December 07, 2022 at 01:01 PM

SR

“ Sarah and Ryan purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



Sarah and Ryan - December 07, 2022 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and all of your family sending prayers to all of you. Joe and Sally Marvin



joe and Sally Marvin - December 07, 2022 at 05:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 06, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 06, 2022 at 04:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 06, 2022 at 02:50 PM

PS

“ Dale was a sweetheart with a big personality and a great smile. I got to know Dale through my sister, Terri. Dale and my sister Terri were buddies all through middle school and high school. They used to compete with each other for the best grades. My condolences go out to his mom, Nancy and brothers, Rick and Dale, as well as his wife and daughters he will be missed.

Pamela Smith - December 06, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 05, 2022 at 10:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 05, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RB

“ Rick and Linda Baker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



Rick and Linda Baker - December 05, 2022 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ John & Lisa Miller purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



John & Lisa Miller - December 05, 2022 at 03:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 05, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ Dale will be missed as a Great golf partner and Friend

Bill Hoffman - December 05, 2022 at 02:14 PM

MM

“ Morgan and Mitch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



Morgan and Mitch - December 05, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



December 05, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dale was a good lawyer and a better person. He was held in the highest respect by his peers and cherished as a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.*

Frederick Lucas - December 05, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



December 05, 2022 at 08:42 AM



“ *He was a great guy! He will be missed! xo*

Tina Davis - December 05, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *Shane Morast and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



Shane Morast and family - December 05, 2022 at 07:29 AM

NA

“ I appreciated Dale so much. What a truly nice man whom I respected immensely. He was a blessing to many people. My condolences to his family. I am certain this is a tremendous loss that is felt very deeply. Sending you prayers for peace and comfort.

Nathan Adams - December 04, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 04, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 04, 2022 at 06:37 PM

RN

“ Nancy and family , as one mom to another, all I can say is lam so sorry for your loss. I know how much your sons mean to you , with love always , Ruth Ann Nortley

Ruth Nortley - December 04, 2022 at 03:25 PM

HK

We knew Dale personally and in court. He was an outstanding attorney and an even more outstanding person. It was our good fortune to know him.

Harvey and Natalia Koselka

harvey and Natalia Koselka - December 05, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ We retained Dale about 11 years ago as our attorney for a custody case involving our great grandson. Dale did a super job and we could not have been happier with the outcome. When things got bad he fought hard to get the best results possible and always told us everything was going to be okay. We thought of Dale not only as our attorney but thought of him as a friend. We called him our miracle worker. Our family will miss him a great deal. We pray for the family of Dale that God will grant comfort to all his family and friends.

God bless

Duane, Linda and Daniel Schwartz Jr.

Duane Schwartz - December 04, 2022 at 01:03 PM

AB

“ Alan Biland purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



Alan Biland - December 04, 2022 at 12:20 PM

FR

“ So sorry for your loss.

Frank & Donna Riley - December 04, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



December 04, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



December 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM



“ *Rest In Peace cuz! Prayers are going up for your family. Love you all! Terri*

Terri Autry - December 04, 2022 at 08:51 AM



“ *Omg! This is such a shock! Dale helped me when my mom died last year! Always such a humble person. Super sad to hear the news. Nancy & family I'm sending my condolences your way*

Ashley - December 04, 2022 at 12:37 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Nancy ...and the rest of the family. You are in our prayers ❤️
Marty and Lynn Pifer*

Marty and Lynn Pifer - December 03, 2022 at 11:17 PM

KL

“ Nancy, Rick, Brad and family. I am so very sorry to hear about Dale. He was such a sweet soul. Prayers for all of you.

Kathy Kuhnert Lettow - December 03, 2022 at 07:19 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.



December 03, 2022 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of having Dale and his brothers as students at Alexander school. I would run into Dale from time to time around town. He was one of those kids you recognize immediately no matter how old they got! Always happy and friendly just like he was in school! He will be missed!



Bill Barss - December 03, 2022 at 04:34 PM

ES

“ Teaching him how to downhill ski in Arapaho Basin in the Rockies he wanted to know if we were gonna use the scarelift.

Eric Stormzand - December 03, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dale Lee Smith.*



December 03, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to you NAncy, and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you* ❤️

Dorothy Rickaby - December 03, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Dale was always such a fun guy to hang out with and had a big smile on his face. You'll be missed my friend.*



Rob Trevino - December 03, 2022 at 01:22 PM