



## Donald Smead

February 13, 1922 - February 24, 2009

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA – Donald E. Smead, age 87 of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in Melbourne, Florida.

Donald was born February 13, 1922 in Adrian Township, the son of Forrest and Ruth (Hagerman) Smead. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1939. On August 20, 1944, Donald married Laura A. Witt in Monroe, Michigan. Laura, his wife of over 64 years, survives.

Don worked for Bohn Aluminum, currently Hydro Aluminum, for over 32 years before retiring. Prior to that he farmed for several years.

Don was a former member of West Adrian Congregational Church. He was a member of the Moose, Farm Bureau, and also actively involved with the Adrian senior center. Don and Laura enjoyed traveling with the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, where they were members for 40 years. For the past 30 years, Don and Laura also enjoyed winters in Melbourne, Florida.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by his daughter, Shirley (Phillip) Walls of Corunna, MI; a brother, Howard (June) Smead of Adrian; two grandchildren, Cinde (Bob) Elston of Owosso and Jim (Bonnie) Griffin of Muskegon; four great grandchildren, Robby, Aleia, Brianna and Landon; and

his good friend, James Griffin, Sr.

He was preceded in death by a son in infancy, Gary Smead; a brother, Wayne Smead and a great grandson, Cameron Griffin.

The funeral service for Don will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Wagley Funeral Home with Pastor Daryl Etheridge officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences or sign the register book at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com) Contributions in memory of Don may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald Smead

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will always remember your big, bright silver travel trailers across the street from my great grandmother Bertha Metz's house & talking with you about your latest/next travel excursion. God Bless, The Osworth's##imported-begin##jeff osworth##imported-end##

March 07, 2009 at 10:10 PM



“ Laura, Howard, and families,

We were so sorry to learn of Donald's death. Unfortunately, we are in Florida and I found the obituary via the internet. If it were possible, we would surely be with you today as you celebrate Donald's life. May God be with you and give you peace,

Love, Jack and Carol##imported-begin##Carol and Jack Wyman##imported-end##

March 05, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ We extend our condolences at this time to the great "Smead Family". We shall cherish those many "Good Times" we so enjoyed being together! Don will be sadly missed as we all look forward to the day when we will be together with Jesus! All our Love and Prayers. Justin/Henrietta Bowerman###imported-begin###justin/Henrietta Bowerman###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 06:48 PM



“ Laura,  
This is Pauline Wibright. Just wanted to let you know I am thinking of you. You are in my prayers.  
I am not able to get to visitation or the funeral. But you are on my mind. Hope you are coming along ok. Under the circumstances. My daughter is sending this from her computer. It is her e-mail. Hope to be able to talk with you sometime soon. My number is 517-263-9237 if you feel up to calling someday in the future. I do not know your number.  
Take care of yourself and I hope you are doing ok.  
Love Pauline,###imported-begin###Pauline Wibright###imported-end##

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March 04, 2009 at 02:49 PM



“ You have my sympathy for your loss. I remember the great times with Don and Laura at the lake as I was just a kid. He loved to play cards and was just a genuinely nice person that you instantly liked. I know he will be missed greatly. May the Lord carry you through this most difficult time.###imported-begin###Roger Bowerman###imported-end##

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March 03, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ *Laura & Shirley & family:  
Sorry to hear of your loss of Don. I remember going to Florida with my parents and you guys when I was 13 years old. Mother & Harold are in Florida now.  
Regards,  
Garry & Mary May##imported-begin##Garry & Mary  
May##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2009 at 03:08 PM



“ *Thinking of you at this time of sorrow. I have many fond memories of Don growing up. Coming up to Sand Lake with Aunt June/Uncle Howard for many picnics and boat rides. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Mike and Deb  
Stuller##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2009 at 02:19 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Laura (Mom) and all the family. Don (Dad) will be deeply missed by all and I personally had a lot of respect for both. I will always be there if needed. LOVE  
JIM##imported-begin##James Griffin Sr.##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2009 at 07:43 AM



“ *Laura and Family,*

*I am very sorry to hear of your loss of Don, I really enjoyed going over and spending time with the both of you and helping you whenever you needed my help...I enjoyed seeing all the photos of your past travels and hearing of your travels to FL every winter...I always looked forward to your return to Michigan every April...if any help is needed please feel free to let us know....in our Prayers*

*Eric and Jill Bufford##imported-begin##Jill and Eric  
Bufford##imported-end##*

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March 02, 2009 at 07:55 PM