



## Joseph M. Smith

August 13, 1934 - December 9, 2020

Joseph M. Smith, 86, went Home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. He was a lifelong resident of Hagerstown, where he resided with his wife of 48 years, Julia L. Owens Smith.

Born August 13, 1934, to Forest C. and Ada Pitman Smith, Joe was a United States Army Veteran, and retired from Perfect Circle, Dana Corporation, after 30-plus years of service. He faithfully attended church at The White Branch Church of the Brethren and Locust Grove Brethren Church. Joe was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and horseback riding, and was a passionate beekeeper. Up until the time of his passing, Joe tended 50-plus beehives, spending countless hours daily working with them. He was an amazing storyteller and prankster. He enjoyed passing the time visiting with friends, family and even strangers, and fulfilling his commitment to Christ. Joe is survived by one son, Jeffrey (Vonne) Smith; four grandchildren Josh (Keturah) Snediger, Wesley (Leander) Snediger, Amanda (Timothy) Stimler, and Brandi (Angel) Smith; one step-grandson Justin (Darcy) Russell; five great-grandchildren, whom he adored, James, Xander, Courtney, Autumn and Harlan; three step-great-grandchildren Emma, Kendal and Will; one brother, David (Mary Ann) Smith; longtime companion Patricia Peirce; and, special beekeeping friend, Anna Meyers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Julia; precious daughter, Karen (David) Snediger; and, brothers Forest D. Smith, Harold Smith and Wilbur Smith.

Joe will be fondly remembered, and truly missed, by a host of nieces, nephews, family, neighbors and friends.

Visitation will be Monday, December 14th from 5:00-8:00PM, at Culberson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, December 15th at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Nettle Creek Friends Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Nettle Creek Friends Cemetery.

nobblett road  
Dalton, IN 47567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown  
51 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-5511  
info@culbersonfh.com  
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

## Service

DEC **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph M. Smith*



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**Culberson Funeral Home** - December 13, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



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**Rick Culberson** - December 15, 2020 at 05:39 PM

SW

*My heart goes out to all of you.*

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**Sylvia Wadle** - December 16, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



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**Rick Culberson** - December 15, 2020 at 05:31 PM

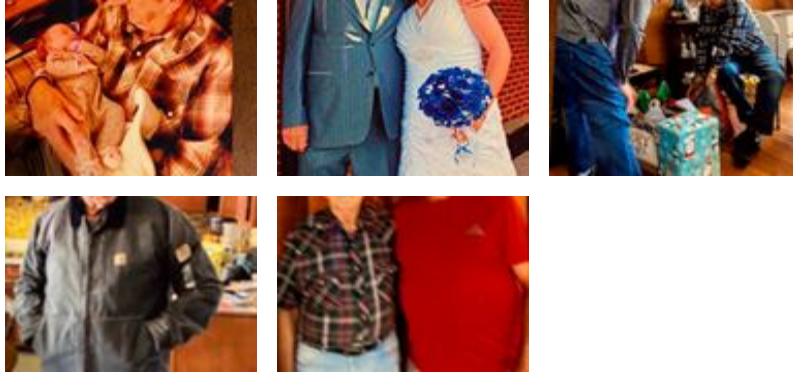
SW

*Jeff, my heart aches for you. You have been a wonderful son. God will help you. My eyes are watering.*

Sylvia Wadle - December 16, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Culberson Funeral Home - December 13, 2020 at 09:02 AM

LI

“ *Such a very nice man. I am so thankful to have known him.*

Linda - December 12, 2020 at 07:09 PM

XA

*I'm glad I could be one to call him my great grandpa*

Xander - December 15, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Smith.*



December 11, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Smith.*



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December 11, 2020 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sandy Smith lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Smith*



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**Sandy Smith** - December 11, 2020 at 08:40 AM



“ *Rick & Daniel Hobbs & Brandon & Heather Gillock purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joseph M. Smith.*



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**Rick & Daniel Hobbs & Brandon & Heather Gillock** -  
December 10, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ *Well 'Uncle Joe' teased me about my tiny truck I had bought " What ya gonna do when ya come to a small puddle he said with hearty laugh". Well years later he bought that truck off of me, he will be missed by us all. Rick Hobbs*



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**Rick Hobbs** - December 10, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph M. Smith.*



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December 10, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Joe has always been such a sweet and loving person who would do what he could for anyone. I will always remember my son was throwing rocks at my mom's and he broke a window in Joe's garage and I called Joe and told him I was sending my son to his house and I wanted him to scare the daylights out of him so I took him over there and made him walk all the up to the front door by himself and Joe came out and my son told him what he did and Joe couldn't scare him he just said that's ok and then wouldn't let me pay for it. He will truly be missed by many. Enjoy Heaven Joe and I will see you when I get there. Love you always Tina Dickey*

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**Tina Dickey** - December 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM

JL

“ Joe was one of my boyhood idles growing up in the Dalton community. Us Limburg boys were treated like family at his house, and especially by him. To this day, that Harley that sat in his garage made me dream of owning my own some day. We always thought he was one of coolest dad's around. He was firm mind you, we knew Jeff could have time with us boys till his chores where done, and Joe wouldn't budge on that. He didn't mind if we helped Jeff at times, but there were times he told us, no, this is something Jeff has to do. I always respected him for that. He wouldn't let us near the pond until we were old enough, and some of the stupid was gone out of us, LOL. I can remember him even joining in a couple times on throwing the basketball with us all. He will be missed. GOD bless you all, and you are in our prayers. Jim Limburg

James Limburg - December 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

MR

“ Marilyn Revalee lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Smith



Marilyn Revalee - December 10, 2020 at 06:06 PM

BH

“ Our Dalton neighborhood will miss having Joe around . Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. RIP Joe.

Our deepest Sympathy,  
Bob and Carol Huffine



Bob and Carol Huffine - December 10, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JS

“ Joe will be greatly missed in our neighborhood. He always stopped to talk or help any chance he got. We so enjoyed his friendly personality and wonderful sweet spirit. Randy and Jennifer Sperry

Jennifer Sperry - December 10, 2020 at 05:59 PM

MM

“ Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Joe Smith that were truly blessed to have him be a part of their lives on a daily basis. What a kind soul and special person Joe was. He was a good and generous man, had a sharp sense of humor, and was a talented beekeeper and maple syrup harvester. My husband and I have nothing but special memories that we will cherish always ... it's sad that this occurred so suddenly. We will miss him, but we know he is with our Lord in heaven.

Mike & Terri Mobley - December 10, 2020 at 04:56 PM

RD

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for all. He was such a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.



Ronda Davis - December 10, 2020 at 03:04 PM

LS

Oh Joe, it breaks my heart to see you leave us, but we know it's far better on the otherside. You had the best smile and best hugs! I told you from day one you reminded me of my Uncle and you always hugged me as if it were him. You will be so missed. Many prayers to your family.

Lawre Sullivan - December 11, 2020 at 07:22 PM