



Francis "Pete" Smith Sr.

January 5, 1935 - July 28, 2021

Francis "Pete" Smith Sr., the beloved husband of Elaine, passed into heaven on July 28, 2021 surrounded by his family. Pete and Elaine built their lives together living in the same home in Warren for 59 years. They built a family and he was the loving father of Shirley Russell, Francis Smith Jr., Kathleen (Greg) Michealson, Tracey (Aaron) Yacks and Brian (Susan) Smith. Pete always made his children, and later his grandchildren, the focus of his life. He lovingly welcomed 19 grandchildren: Becca Russell, Tim Russell, Joshua Smith, Jon Russell, Jacob Yacks, Erik Michealson, Evan Michealson, Kaitlynn Smith, Noah Yacks, Patrick Smith, Rick Russell, Nicole Michealson, Brie Smith, Jill Smith, Caleb Yacks, Liam Smith, Ellie Yacks, Nolan Smith and Maryn Smith.

Pete was also dedicated to service of his country and city. He was an Army veteran. He owned a Mobil gas station at Hupp Road and Van Dyke. He then became a Warren Police Officer for 27 years in various positions including Corporal and Detective. Pete was also an active member of the Warren Fraternal Order of Police until his death. He was a proud supportive parishioner at St. Mark Catholic Church for almost 60 years where he also volunteered weekly in the Usher's Club

His favorite things in the world were his family, friends and grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all who knew or interacted with him.

Pete was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Delia (Cowler) Smith and siblings, Alfred "Bud" (Gloria) Smith, Eileen Smith, Elaine (Ed) Deyo, Norman "Rudy" (Mary) Smith and Dolores "Toots" (Stewart) McGuire.

Visitation will be held at the Mandziuk Funeral Home, Sterling Heights Chapel at 3801 18 Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314 on Sunday from 4-8pm, and Monday from 2-8pm with a rosary at 6:30pm. Pete will lie in state at St. Mark Catholic Church 4401 Bart Avenue, Warren MI 48091 at 9am followed by mass at 9:30am. Pete will be buried at Resurrection Cemetery with a luncheon to immediately follow at Fern Hill Golf Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be addressed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Instate

AUG 3. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark Catholic Church
4401 Bart Ave
Warren, MI 48091

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Francis "Pete" Smith Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ Francis "Pete" Smith Sr.

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..



August 01, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..



August 01, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 31, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *The Royal Oak Public Library purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



The Royal Oak Public Library - July 31, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 31, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JD

“ *My Uncle Pete. A kind, gentle and unassuming man who showered his family with love.
Love and prayers to Aunt Elaine, Shirley, Francis, Kathleen, Tracey and Brian.*

Chris and Janet Davidson



janet davidson - July 30, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 30, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 30, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..



July 30, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ knew Pete on the department, never on the same shift, however I bowled with him at Pampa Lanes for about 15 or so year with Rudy, Herb Ralph & Pete, never knew how I fit in with all the Smiths, the bigger mystery was how he could chew and drink beer at the same time. Will miss you Pete. John Welch

john welch - July 29, 2021 at 11:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..



July 29, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ Love, Your Lower/FUEL School Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..



Love, Your Lower/FUEL School Families - July 29, 2021 at 08:13 PM

BR

“ *As a rookie patrolman, I spent many hours in the scout car with Pete. He was a good police officer, but a better and kinder man. I will always remember the good times with him, a great person.*

Bill Romano - July 29, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 29, 2021 at 04:01 PM

EW

“ *ELAINE M PAQUETTE / HARRY J WILSON purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



ELAINE M PAQUETTE / HARRY J WILSON - July 29, 2021 at 01:46 PM

FR

“ *Pete was always delightful to greet and meet. But there was a part of him that told me to try and NOT get n his bad side! He has a penetrating stare. Glad I was law-abiding! Rest in Peace, Francis.*

Fr Robert Ruedsueli - July 29, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 29, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis "Pete" Smith Sr..*



July 29, 2021 at 11:54 AM