



Kermit Smith

May 19, 1947 - July 19, 2020

Frankfort – Kermit Smith, age 73, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Rick Upchurch and Pastor Andy Lawrence officiating. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. service time on Wednesday.

Kermit was born in Versailles, Kentucky, on May 19, 1947, to the late Charles William Smith and Mary Katherine Thurman Woodside. He retired from the Kentucky State Government Department of Transpiration after serving many years as an engineer technician. For many years, he owned and operated a DJ business and formerly was a ham radio operator. He was a Frankfort Youth Football League coach, a member of the Frankfort Jaycees and the Wheels of Time Antique Car Club. Kermit served with the Red Cross in Frankfort for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Jane Pacey Smith; children, Kathy “K.J.” Smith Forrest (David), Matthew Howard and step-son, Rev. Rick Upchurch; brother, Claude L. Smith; and grandchildren, Kaylee Forrest and Caleb Forrest. He was also blessed with several nieces and nephews. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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312 Washington Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kermit Smith*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I just learned that Kerm passed away. I got to know him back in the days when AOL chatrooms were the thing. He was such a funny, kind, caring man and I am sad that I didn't know he had moved onto heaven. Rest in peace friend and give all of our chatroom buddies a big hello from me. My deepest sympathies to all his family.*

*Judi McMillan (Merryangel)
Kalamazoo, Michigan*

Judith McMillan - June 04, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I have great memories growing up down the street from KJ and Matt. Kermit told fantastic jokes (some I still use to this day), He taught me basic carpentry and how to use tools, and the correct lingo for talking on a CB radio. Good times. Pat Talley*

Pat Talley - July 30, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *Billy and I thought a lot of Kermit. He will be missed by so many.*

Jackye smith - July 22, 2020 at 12:21 AM

KA

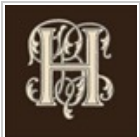
“ KJ, I don't know if you remember me or not, but I taught you in Kindergarten. I just saw this news on our Shelby News Facebook page. I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Praying for peace for you and your family. Love, Kathy Adams

Kathy S Adams - July 21, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ Worked with Kermit at DOT Traffic, he will be missed. Sorry for your loss.

John Mark Clements - July 21, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - July 21, 2020 at 09:37 AM

PS

“ Dear Janie. I was surprised and saddened by Kermit's passing. Although I only knew Kermit and you through koi fish and ponding he was a likable and friendly guy. I considered you both my friend and I know we will miss him. Sincere condolences. Philip Scheil

philip scheil - July 21, 2020 at 08:58 AM

DT

“ I'm so sorry to hear this news. Kermit was a fixture in the Division of Traffic. I worked with him for many years and he was a great guy. He always spoke fondly of KJ and I know he will be missed dearly missed. From Duane Thomas.

Duane Thomas - July 20, 2020 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ Jane, I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending you Love {{{Hugs}}} Peace & Prayers.

Debbie Brown - July 20, 2020 at 07:26 PM

 Tommy Woolums

“ Kermit was a great man. He loved his family and friends with all his heart. I helped him with the youth football and went with him on some of his disc jockey shows. He was always smiling and laughing. Had some wonderful times with him. Tommy Woolums.

Tommy Woolums - July 20, 2020 at 04:35 PM



Thanks Tommy!

Kathy Smith Forrest - July 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM

PW

He was such a important part of our Daughter's childhood. We visited Santa and Mrs. Clays for years...

Paula Moore Woolums - July 20, 2020 at 06:34 PM

GH

Janie, I am truly sorry, prayers and hugs to you and your family 🙏

Gail Howser - July 20, 2020 at 07:35 PM

MP

I've known Kermit Sterling aka Tuffy most of my life, along with his brother, Claudie. We were neighbors- my brothers, Charlie & Jim Conway & myself. We hung out together a lot on Hillcrest Ave. We more or less grew up together. I remember their mother, Mary K. Kermit, me & another friend went to see the Four Seasons in L'ville once. Kermit spent a lot of hours at Charlie's garage down on Rouse Ave. They always had an old car to work on. Kermit played music for my husband, Willie & me in our barn for a birthday party. Willie worked with him in Transportation. I remember him being Santa at the distillery. I have loads of memories of him & Claude. I know his family meant the world to him! May his family find comfort in their precious memories! Rest in peace, Tuffy! You & Charlie can work on all those cars now.

Mary Lou Payton - July 20, 2020 at 08:01 PM

AR

Janie, I am so sorry to hear of Kermit's passing! I remember Leslie and I meeting him at a car show in Lawrenceburg. We enjoyed visiting with him. Praying for peace and comfort now and the days to come. Much love, Audrey

Audrey Rogers - July 20, 2020 at 08:50 PM

TR


Prayers for his Wife, Children & the Smith Family.

Tammy Rickett - July 20, 2020 at 09:03 PM

PM

Janie, We are so very sorry to hear of Kermit's passing. We have wonderful memories of you both when you would come to Evarts. Preston and Polly McLain

Polly McLain - July 20, 2020 at 11:25 PM

 Stephan Bolin

Kermit did all the announcing when I was a kid for FCHS chorus when we did a show for the preservation of the covered bridge in switzer. My daddy knew him well and his brother Claude and his family were our neighbors on Laffoon Dr. He was a great person and this breaks my heart Sending prayers and thoughts of love and comfort to his family.

Stephanie Bolin Atkins - July 21, 2020 at 06:26 AM

BM

So sorry to hear about Kermit's passing.. He was always a fun guy to spend time with around the North Evarts, Kentucky campground. Everyone kindly referred to him as Frog. He will be missed.

Bob Miller

Bob Miller - July 21, 2020 at 09:14 PM

PP

Jane, So sorry for you all. May you be comforted by memories of happy times. I pray the Lord gives you peace.

Patty Peavler

patty peavler - July 21, 2020 at 10:15 PM



Thank you so much Polly. I thought I had your phone # but didn't

Janie Smith - July 21, 2020 at 10:38 PM

MS

*Every time I saw Kermit, it was a delight. He is such a kind, caring, funny and delightful man. And such a generous and compassionate Father! Beyond measure. His heart was always open. Blessings and love to you and your family KJ.
And Janie, how absolutely wonderful that you and Kermit share the gift of love, always and forever. My heart is with you all.*

Mary Frank (Juge's Mom)

mary frank slaughter - July 28, 2020 at 10:13 AM