

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Russell Earl Smith

BORN

May 28, 1965
Aberdeen, South Dakota

PASSED AWAY

December 3, 2023
Springfield, Missouri

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5:00pm - 6:30pm, Thursday
January 25, 2023
Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home
Springfield, Missouri



APPRECIATION

Russell's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the comforting thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time. Thank you so much for being here with our family today.

In Loving Memory



Russell Earl Smith

Russell "Russ" Smith age 58, of Springfield, Missouri passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Russ was a free spirit who enjoyed living life in the present. He would greet everyone with a broad smile; he was kind, caring, helpful, funny, resourceful, and had a heart bigger than anyone could measure. He didn't know a stranger and would have given anyone the shirt off his back if they appeared in need. Russ was an animated storyteller who could get a whole group laughing. He was also a trusted friend and would not hesitate to defend someone he cared about. To say he marched to the beat of his own drum is an understatement; he simply lived life on his own terms, walking his own path.

Russ enjoyed hanging out with friends, socializing, and listening to classic rock. He loved kayaking and outdoor sports- snow skiing was one of his favorites. He spent part of his early adulthood skiing the slopes in Colorado, teaching others how to ski and beating everyone to the bottom of every run. Russ was adventurous and willing to learn new things throughout his life. He most frequently worked in the construction field, doing remodeling construction projects.

Russ was easy to talk with and he enjoyed the simple but important things in life: a home cooked meal, having beers with friends and family, and the companionship of a trusted dog. He was at home wherever he was welcomed and with those he invited into his life. There's an expression "Home is where the heart is" which applies to Russ. His heart was his home, and he shared it with everyone he encountered along his journey.

Donations may be made to DAV - Disabled American Veterans or Castaway Animals Rescue Effort.

If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together... there is something you must always remember:
You are braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem, and
smarter than you think.
But the most important thing is,
even if we're apart...
I'll always be with you.

