



Mr. James E. Smith

October 9, 1948 - June 9, 2017

Mr. James Edward Smith, 68, of North Adams, died Friday, June 9, 2017, at his home.

He was born in Pittsfield on October 9, 1948, a son of the late Charles and Mary (Contenta) Smith. He attended Dalton schools, and graduated from Wahconah High School in 1966. He then attended the New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in Boston, where he earned his degree in Funeral Directing and Embalming .

Jim worked for several years at Dery Funeral Home in Pittsfield. He then became a member of the Massachusetts Bricklayers and Allied Craftsman's Union, and worked as a bricklayer and mason for several area contractors, until going to work for Allegrone Construction in Pittsfield, where he worked until he retired in 2010 after over 30 years of service.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of North Adams. He was a member of the Massachusetts Bricklayer's and Allied Craftsman's Union, and was a member of the C.H. McCann Technical High School Carpentry Advisory Board. He was a former member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Jim enjoyed Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Racing and woodworking. He was a classic car enthusiast, a fan of the New England Patriots, and loved his red truck. He was a die-hard Yankees fan.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, the former Joan M. Girgenti, whom he married on June 29, 1968;

two daughters, Kimberly Burdick and her husband, Perry, of North Adams;
and Aimee Zeoli and her husband, Michael, of Sunderland, MA;
four grandchildren, including Brittany Burdick and her husband, Jesse Guiden;
Nicole Burdick, Abigail Zeoli and James Zeoli;
two great grandchildren, Riley and Rory Guiden;
two brothers, Charles Smith of Bradenton, FL and Ricci Smith of Shelburne
Falls, MA; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 16th, at 11:00 AM in the First
Congregational Church, 134 Main St. North Adams. Burial will follow in
Southview Cemetery, North Adams.

Calling hours at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, are
Thursday from 4 to 7 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to the May Institute, Office of Philanthropy,
41 Pacella Park Dr. Randolph, MA 02368, or at www.mayinstitute.org/donate

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.c
om](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

Tribute Wall

SB

“ So sad. He will be missed on so many levels. He was funny and kind and a great guy. My condolences to his family.

Susan Butler - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

SW

“ Dear Family and Friends of Jimmie (as I called him thru all our years of school together). Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying you find peace in all of the wonderful memories you hold dear and near in your hearts. Know he will always be with you, only now as one of your guardian angels, loving you still, and keeping an eye on you all. May he rest in peace. I will always remember him as one of the most genuine men I have ever known. We had many great times together in high school. He was a beautiful soul, and a good friend. I know he will always be missed.

Sue (Baumann) Wellspeak - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

MJ

“ Thanks for walking me home every single night I babysat for Kim and Aimee even though I lived 2 houses away. You are a great neighbor and a wonderful man. Rest in peace, your work is finally done. Love Mary Jane (liporace) Jachimczyk

Mary jane Jachimczyk - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

PG

“ Joan, Kim, Aimee, and Families. We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim was such a happy and outgoing person, always smiling. It was a shock to lose him at such a young age. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, if you need us please call! Love, Patrick and Connie Gray

Patrick and Connie Gray - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

VS

“ Dear Joan and Family We are beyond words with sorrow for you and your family. It was always so nice to see Jim with his sunny disposition come in for a haircut. He was a very special man and he will be sincerely missed...With love and sympathy
The Staff at Hair Express

Val Soldo - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

DC

“ I still remember when you built my parents flagstone hearth and chimney. ..you were the best neighbor and friend a family could have ever asked for. Rip my friend.

Deborah Liporace Crandall - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

MS

“ Dear JOAN AND FAMILY; MIKE AND I ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED JIM. HIS PLEASANT SMILE AND PERSONALITY MADE HIM A JOY TO BE AROUND. STAY STRONG AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

MIKE & MIDGE SEGALA - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ I love you Jamie Go gently into the night. Death leaves a heartache No One can Heal Love leaves a memory No One can Steal
Cousin Marcia

June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Joan, Alan and I want to say how sorry we are to hear about Jim. We are thinking of you and your family...
Petra and Alan Pare'

June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

BL

“ Joan, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember back when we were in college and Jim use to come from Boston and spend the weekend. Although we are miles apart and years have passed and our families have grown - I think of you often. I send my prayers and love to help you thru this loss. I'd love to see you next month if you can make it to the class reunion as I'd like to give you a hug. I am so sorry Joan - Love Barb (Brooks)

Barbara (Brooks) Lewis - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. Pat and I send our sincere condolences

Ron Catelotti - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Mr. James E. Smith

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PW

“ Jamie, Charles, myself and that generation on Lake Street terrorized the neighborhoods of East Main Street in Dalton and the Lakeview Florist then on Lake street was our Headquarters. Now gang had a different meaning back. We only hurt ourselves with our playing guns, baseball, football, fishing and whatever kids did back then. I have been looking for Jamie and Charlie for years and now find Jamie's obituary. I was truly sorry to find this and wish his family the very best. We were born on Lake Street and your first friends remain friends forever. Goodbye old friend.

Peter White - June 07, 2018 at 11:05 AM