




## Robert Charles Smith

June 18, 1942 - April 25, 2014

Robert ♦Bob♦ C. Smith, age 71, of Brodhead, passed away on Friday, April 25, 2014, at Agrace Hospice Care, Fitchburg, WI. He was born on June 18, 1942, in Rockford, IL, the son of L. Fredrick and Betty (Seyler) Smith. He had been married to Constance (Hanson) Smith. Bob attended Brodhead High School with the class of 1960 and Cardinal Stritch University, graduating in 1989. He served in the U.S. Army, having been stationed in Korea and the Philippines. He had worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, retiring in 1998. Bob was a member of the Bicknell Masonic Lodge #94, VFW Post 6858, American Legion and a charter member of the AMVETS, all of Brodhead. He operated a hobby farm for a number of years, enjoyed riding motorcycles, loved music, including playing guitar, writing songs, playing slow-pitch, telling jokes and being at the ♦table of knowledge♦ at the local coffee shop. Bob had also earned a black-belt in Tae Kwon Do. He is survived by a daughter, Robin (Ryan) Hilliard, Brodhead; siblings, David Smith, Brodhead, Lana Thiessen, Winnipeg, Canada, Gwenn (Larry) Waldo, Waterloo, WI, Maxine (Rocky Schoville) Smith, Janesville, WI; a son-in-law, Randy Hamilton, Lodi, WI; four grandchildren, Amanda and Maggy Hamilton, and Vanessa and Seyler Weeden; a special friend, Donna Niedermeier; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Anna Hamilton, a brother, Jeffrey, a niece Michelle and nephew Jeremy. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery,

Brodhead, with military rites. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. 

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bob. He was a very present figure in our small town and a friend to many. He always was ready to visit with you and had lots of stories to tell. He will be missed.

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**Dean and Nancy Walters** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

RL

“ To Robin and her Faily and the Family of Bob's. We are so sorry to hear of your loss and send you our symphathy. We will always remeber him and the "Table of knowledge" and the good talks we had there. He was a very nice man and was fun to be around. He will be misses greatly.

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**Roger & Phyllis Lentz** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DK

“ The Table of Knowledge won't quite be the same.

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**Dave Kreinz** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SC

“ I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire family and friends of Bob.  
He was so easy to visit with and definitely will be missed by everybody who knew him.

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**Stella Clark** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

WC

“ I am very sorry to hear that Bob passed away. He was a good friend to my parents. They always enjoyed his wit and friendship. In my father's last days, Bob drove back and forth from WI to Iowa numerous times to spend time with him. I hope his friends will comfort his family the way he comforted our family. He was a good man and he will be missed.

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**Wayne Cooley** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

MS

“ To my dear brother, you will be missed by many. Thank you for being such a great brother to us, father and grandfather. You will be missed always. I love you. Love Toots

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**Maxine Smith** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SS

“ Bob's family has our sympathy. We miss him already, but are comforted by fond memories of Bob, his parents and siblings growing up in the 50's and 60's. All who knew Bob will always remember his unique wit, humor, generosity, civic pride, ready smile and knowledge of local lore and history.

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**Steve & Denise Saunders** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JT

“ I was so saddened to hear that Bob had passed. Bob always had a smile, a kind word, or a joke or two to tell when ever you saw him! You will be missed Bob! My condolences to your family. Your cousin, Julie

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**Julie Seyler Thruman** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about your lose. Peace to the entire Smith family.

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**Deborah Shippy** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

CR

“ My sympathies to Lana, Dave, Gwen, Toots, Robin and all the Smith family. Enjoy your memories as I bet Bob would rather a smile and a laugh than tears.

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**Carol (Lindeman) Ritchie** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

TF

“ We were all deeply saddened by the news of Bob's passing. Our heart felt condolences goes out to you and your family. May the memories of Bob help you find peace. Helen Keller once said, "What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." You and your family are in our prayers.

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**Tim and Debbie Myers and Family** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

GW

“ Dear Bob,  
Thanks for being such a loving brother. All the great times will be a wonderful memory for me. Holidays, family reunions and just drinking coffee with Ma and you and Dave are such wonderful memories. I love you and you are in my heart.  
Your sister, Gwenn

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**Gwenn Waldo** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

JU

“ To Bob's family, and to Mom (Donna) - we are so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a great man with so many funny and interesting stories to tell. We are going to miss him so much!  
Love and Prayers,  
Julie and Chris Schilling

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**Julie** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

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“ My sincerest condolences to Robin and the rest of Bob's family. He will be remembered fondly. I enjoyed his music and the family history he often related. It was always a pleasure running into Bob and Donna on my walks. Rest in peace Bob. You will always be remembered.

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**Debbie Wilson (Moe)** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

MM

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the Smith Family. Bob will be truly missed by everyone.  
He always brought a smile to your face and was a caring, cheerful man.  
He always made you laugh with a joke or two. Our memories will last forever.  
Rest in peace Bob.

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**Marty, Yvonne and Matthew** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

CW

“ Vickie and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family. We had known Bob for many years.

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**Chester & Vickie Wilson** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

WJ

“ To Bob's family,  
I appreciated the several opportunities to associate with Bob at AMVET District 7 meetings. He was always positive and thoughtful with his motions and suggestions.  
With veteran respect,  
William E Kuenzi Jr. Adjutant, AMVETS Post #69, New Glarus.

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**William E Kuenzi Jr.** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

AH

“ This doesn't feel real and I don't think it ever will.  
Maybe it's because even though I can't see you, you are still around me. No energy gets created in the universe and none gets destroyed. You will always be with me, with all of us.

*I've been thinking a lot lately. (Mostly because Vanessa keeps bringing it up) Maybe at the time you got that tattoo you didn't realize it's significance but now I do. Diamonds are unbreakable, you can carve them down until they are dust but there form is still that of a diamond; just like your energy. You will always be with us and we will keep you in the safest place possible, our hearts.*

*Love always.  
Lumpy*

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**Amanda Hamilton** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

VC

“ RIP Bob and condolences to the entire family. I have only had a handful of conversations with Bob since we hung out as teenagers but I will always remember him for his ability to make me laugh...What a gift!

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**Vickie Olson Caple** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

DW

“ Bob's family and special friend, Donna We are very sorry for the loss of Bob, a very loving, caring, and knowledgeable man. He will be another forever missed in our community. Our thoughts and prayers for each family member and special friend, Donna, will last forever, as his memories will! Peace and love to all.

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**Don and Brenda Wahl** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry for your loss, he put up a great battle and will be missed by many for his wit and smiles.

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**Barbara Menehan** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

LS

“ Dear Bob.  
Wanting to let you know how much I already miss you and love you. You have been a great brother to me and uncle to Jason. When we come to Brodhead for a cup-a-coffee there will always be an empty cup waiting for you . I know the time will come, some day when we see each other again at that "GREAT TABLE OF KNOWLEDGE" and we will have a banquet then for sure. I Love you and I miss you more that I can say.

Your sister Lana

To uncle Bob, XXX-OOO Love Jason

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**Lana Thiessen (Bob's sister)** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PD

“ I wanted to take this time to tell the family of Bob Smith that they have my sincere condolences. I worked with Bob on the railroad and he taught me a lot. We always had a good laugh and he was a good man. I will always remember him as a good friend. My best wishes to his daughter Robin and all of his family. Patrick Davis-

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**Patrick Davis** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I will always remember the day I met him. He and the Old Friends Band was playing outside and Tom and I rode our bikes by and he invited us to come listen. I told him that I played guitar a little and he invited me to come practice with the band any Saturday night at the VFW. He brought music back to my life when I was really wanting it. He always made me feel welcome and encouraged me to sing. I enjoyed many fun filled Saturday nights with the band. There will be many songs that will bring his memory to life when I hear them. He will be missed. Sincerely, pat troyer

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**pat troyer** - May 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM