



## Dan R. Smith

September 2, 1960 - June 3, 2020

Dan Smith, 59  
Gibbon resident

Dan Smith, 59 of Gibbon passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at the Fred and Pamela Cancer Treatment Center in Omaha. A memorial service will be held 10:30 am Friday, June 5, 2020 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with the Rev. Duane Duley officiating. Interment will be held at a later date.

The family encourages everyone to please leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) or send cards/memorials to the family, care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Daniel R. Smith was born September 2, 1960 in Council Bluffs, IA to Jack and Thelma (Keohler) Smith. He was the fourth of four boys. Dan moved to Kearney before 8th grade in 1974 with his family and graduated from Kearney High School in 1979. On July 27, 1984, he was united in marriage to Julie Strickland in Kearney. They raised two children; Jeremiah and Natasha.

Those who knew Dan, knew that he loved the outdoors and could find him out fishing, camping or golfing. He loved watching NASCAR on Sundays and cheering on the Husker football team. Dan was a very skilled wood-worker and artist.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Jeremiah and Natasha; grandchildren, Maliyah and Charlie; three older brothers, Stan, Bob, and Jeff; his ex-wife, Julie; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

In Dan's memory, memorial are suggested to the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dan R. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Good memories of Dan playing softball for good old Famous Franks in 1982. Always enjoyed seeing Dan, most recently at Snowys 60th birthday celebration .Thoughts are with you as well as prayers of comfort . Take Care Dave Sayler .*

**Dave & Cindy Sayler** - June 05, 2020 at 08:59 AM



*Thanks Dave, Dan enjoyed being part of those teams. As you know I'm still at the ballpark quite a bit and very few of "todays" pitchers come close to how good Dano was. It's really sad, but I just seen Larry Hidy passed on the same day also. It's kinda weird that God called home two of our teammates the same day. We had alot of fun playing the game back in the day. Alot of good memories*

**Jeff Smith** - June 06, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this. He was a great guy. Hadn't seen him in years. Had some good times with him. May God bless him and his family.*

**Scott Hughes** - June 05, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ *Sandy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Dan R. Smith*



**Sandy Hubbard** - June 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM

TS

“ I met Dan in 1983, through Julie. From the moment I met him we had a natural friendship. Gilbert and I enjoyed some great times with the whole family. I am very lucky to have all the memories we all made together.

*Rest in Peace Dan!!! Love ya man!*

*Terri Soto-Trejo*

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**Terri Soto-Trejo** - June 04, 2020 at 01:55 PM

TA

“ Gene and I remember working with the Smith Bros at Kearney's Kings Food Host. Dan was a nice young man. Please know we are thinking of all of you, and hope wonderful memories help you through this difficult time.



*Gene & Tammey Frick*

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**Tammey** - June 04, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JS

*Gene & Tammy Thank-You. As you know I have been seeing Gene quite a bit at JCP. I have spent many hours with Dan at Dr.s office and hospitals over the past few months and we talked about those days. We started when they had their retro days and 10 cent hamburgers, we worked 15 and 16 hour days and we wondered if this was really what working life was going to be. But after things settled we had alot fun. it was a good 1st job and T.A. was an good easy going boss. Dans' kids still can't believe that we worked for \$1.70 or \$1.80 an hour. Fun times and good memories*

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**Jeff Smith** - June 06, 2020 at 10:00 AM

GB

“ *Myself and numerous other softball players will always remember Dano on the Mound for our teams. Dan loved to test the Ceiling of the 12 foot limit that we had back in the day. Constantly challenging the Umpires interpretation of the limit from his view from behind the plate. Dan could always pitch a strike when needed and seldom walked a Man on. At one point we had 3 Smith Boys on our team, Fondly referred to as ( The Smith Biscuits). Will keep these memories close to Heart and smile a lot. See You Soon Brother.*

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**Greg Baltzell** - June 04, 2020 at 12:25 PM

NC

*Greg you were such a good brother to him we are so grateful for you thank you for taking care of my dad and stepping or being his voice or his shoulder to cry on or his punching bag. He loved you so much I can't wait to hear more stories you guys were crazy*

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**Natasha smith (daughter)** - June 04, 2020 at 10:13 PM

DR

*Many fond memories of playing softball with Dano, his brothers, Baltzy, Foxy, Mikey and all the rest. Rest In Peace, Dano.*

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**Dan Rayburn** - June 04, 2020 at 10:51 PM

JS

*Dan, I remember playing in that Gibbon league. That was a competitive group of teams. For a smaller town there were, if I remember right 6 to 8 pretty evenly matched teams. Some times one team would the next time the other would. You always had to play a good game to win. That was fun! I remember 1 or 2 years we played in the Gibbon league and the Kearney league. We would play in one place then we all get in our cars and race down highway 30 to go play a 2nd or 3rd game. Fun times. Good memories.*

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**Jeff Smith** - June 06, 2020 at 10:25 AM

GB

“ *Myself along with numerous other softball players will always have great memories of Dano on the mound for our softball teams. He Loved to test the 12' foot ceiling of the rules back in our day. Constantly challenging the Umpires interpretation of what 12' ft. looked like from behind the Batters Box. He always could throw a strike when needed and seldom walked a man on. At one point our Team had three of the Smith Boys on it. Fondly referred to as ( The Smith Biscuits ). Those were the Days we will all miss. See Ya Soon Brother.*

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**Greg Baltzell** - June 04, 2020 at 12:09 PM