



## Michael "Mike" Smith

July 23, 1949 - February 1, 2020

Michael A. Smith, 70  
Aurora, NE resident

Michael A. "Mike" Smith, 70 of Aurora, NE formerly of Elm Creek passed away Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Aurora, NE. Funeral services are 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm Wednesday at the funeral home.

Michael Anthony "Mike" Smith was born July 23, 1949 in Iuka, IL to Darrell and Ruth (Jones) Smith. He was raised in Merna, NE and attended school at Merna High School. In 1968, Mike was united in marriage to Cheryl Leibhart. To this union four children were blessed; Michael, DeLaina, Kylie and Timothy. He later married Barb Boettcher until her death in 2010.

Mike was a longtime employee of Eaton Corporation. He enjoyed making wine, tinkering with many projects and spending time with his family and faithful companion, "Goldie." Mike was a Harley Davidson man and loved to ride whenever he had the chance.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Michael (Vivian) Smith of Kearney,

Kylie (Heath) Rader of Aurora, Timothy (Casey) Smith of Grand Island; grandchildren, Jordan (Shawn) Buelow, Cassandra (Rolondo) Juarez, Ayla (Cody) Harrie, Hunter (Morgan) Rader, Kailee Rader, Kendra Rader, Haydan Smith and Sawyer Smith; great grandchildren, Brayden and Keira Buelow, Silvia and Adrian Juarez, Otto and Elsa Harrie and Camdyn Rader; brothers, Dan (Gloria) Smith of Merna, Randall (Carol) Smith of Santa Rosa, CA, Mark (Ruth) Smith of Dayton, IA and Vince (Meko) Smith of Shelton, WA; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, DeLaina Smith; brother, Dennis Smith; and wife, Barb Smith.

Memorials are suggested to the National Diabetes Association. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road  
Elm Creek, NE 68836

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael "Mike" Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 05, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Michael, Kylie, Tim & families,*

*We were so saddened to hear of your Dad's death. It has been years since we saw him, but it doesn't dim the memory of being a terrific uncle to us girls when we were around him. Even after we all married he was as good a guy to all of our husbands as he was to us girls. We all loved him.*

*Gene and Dixie (Leibhart) Jackson*

**Dixie Jackson** - February 05, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 05, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 04, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 04, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



February 04, 2020 at 02:36 PM

FS

“ From all of the Crane Trust staff. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.



From all of the Crane Trust staff. - February 04, 2020 at 12:11 PM

DB

“ RIP my friend, we had so many good times on the road and at Eaton Corp, see you on down the road my friend, just save me a seat! Ride On. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸👤♂

Dave Banner - February 04, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.



February 04, 2020 at 11:40 AM

MC

“ Mike was a true friend and truly a hard worker! Got to ride bikes with him a few times and we always had great times! Will miss him deeply! Rest In Peace buddy!

Mike Cronin - February 03, 2020 at 11:48 PM

DS

Mike was a coworker who I enjoyed knowing and working with . Was Genuine , hardworking and a Good Man . RIP Mike

dale shearer - February 04, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



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February 03, 2020 at 09:57 PM



“ *Randall Smith lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Smith*



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**Randall Smith** - February 03, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mike was our brother-law..he was there for my sister Barb...so greatful that he was there for Barb and glad we kept in touch..talked with him when he was in the hospital and told us about moving back to Aurora...our prayers are with you..Thank you for your Dad.. Glen and Judith Johnson*

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**Judith Johnson** - February 03, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *He was both a best friend and brother. We shared many journeys together. He will forever be in my heart and mind. I don't think he knew how special he was to so many. Ride on, my brother, to the Harley bros on high into the waiting arms of God. Say hello to mom for me. Your admirer Randall*

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**Forrest Randall Smith** - February 03, 2020 at 08:21 PM

DS

“ I rode a Honda Gold Wing before I rode a Harley Davidson. I asked my brother, Mike, if I could ride to Sturgis with him. His response was: well. yes, but you will have to ride behind me and not in front of me. I asked why? He said because I just can't stand the smell of burning rice. That's my biker brother. Have a good ride to heaven my precious brother. Please tell Mom and Dad and brother Dennis hello for me. I will see you all soon.

*I love you Brother and I will miss you more than you know.  
Your big and old brother.*

*Dan*

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**Dann Smith** - February 03, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



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February 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" Smith.*



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February 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Jacob** - February 03, 2020 at 05:12 PM