



Gary E. Smith

February 3, 1955 - February 18, 2024

NORFOLK – Celebration of life service for Gary E. Smith, 69, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Chaplain Greg Prauner will be officiating. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, May 10 also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the family for a later designation. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at <https://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com/obituaries/Gary-Smith-155/#!/PhotosVideos>. Gary passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the University of Nebraska-Medical Center in Omaha. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Gary was born on February 3, 1955 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Kenneth and Marlene (Eymann) Smith. He attended Norfolk Catholic School through the 9th grade (1970), then attended Norfolk Public 10th-12th grade, graduated in 1973. He then attended Northeast Community College in the mid 70's for the electrician program and later went back for electronics /computers at Northeast Community College in 1988. Gary married Christine "Chris" Suber on September 19, 1981 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Gary lived in Norfolk his whole life. He worked at Good Year Tires, self-employed electrician for a while, Geary Electric, Marathon Press, and has

been working at Faith Regional Health and Human Services for 27 years, planning on retiring in May, 2024. He loved visiting Kyle and Mikayla. Gary enjoyed swimming, riding his bike, and being active with anything. He had big plans to Kayak the Missouri River. Gary loved Nebraska Cornhusker football and volleyball, Kansas City Chiefs football, spending time at the Timperley's ranch for concerts, and his kids pets especially his "Bella Babes." Gary Fully believed cars weren't meant to go over 55 and oil needs to be changed every 3000 miles. He loved his yard-mom said for anyone wondering he has the instructions for the yard hanging on the fridge.

Gary is survived by his spouse Chris Smith of Norfolk, children Kyle (Becky) Smith of Memphis, TN, Mikayla Smith (significant other Mike Tarrant) of Kansas City, siblings Francis (Linda) Smith of St. Joseph, MO, Kenneth Jr. (Brenda) Smith of Norfolk, Robert "Bob" (Carolyn) Smith of Plainview, and Debbie (Larry) Stockman of Sioux City, IA. He is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Marlene Smith, and brother Mike Smith.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Norfolk, NE 68701
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Celebration of Life Service

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Gary E. Smith*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - May 11, 2024 at 09:21 AM



A very beautiful tribute to Gary.

Barbara Allen - May 11, 2024 at 04:14 PM

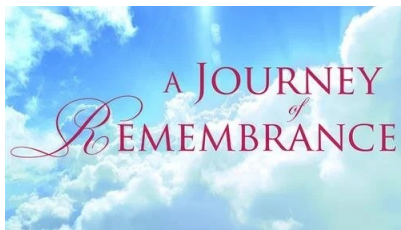
MM

*Beautiful service
Thoughts and prayers to the Smith family.*

Mary & Mark Middleton - May 13, 2024 at 02:08 AM



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary E. Smith*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 16, 2024 at 01:52 PM

BS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family!*



Brian J Schlote - May 06, 2024 at 11:50 PM

MP

“ *Marathon Press planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary E. Smith.*

Marathon Press - May 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary E. Smith.*



May 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *149 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ Shocked and mourning the loss of Gary, our friend and Faith Teammate. The guy was so smart and well versed on every topic. If you had a problem, you knew if you called him or sent an email, he always had the answer. Usually, the explanation was above your understanding, then he'd have to dumb it down for you until you could understand it, LOL. He was so proud of his family and their achievements. He was truly one of the good guys; great work ethic and man of solid character. His absence is very notable in the hallways these days. Our sympathies to Chris and his family. Mark and Jill Sears

Mark and Jill Sears - March 09, 2024 at 08:24 PM

MS

I love this so much thank you! He was wicked smart and knew a lot of applicable things but also things you wonder if he made up 😂

Mikayla Smith - March 14, 2024 at 10:09 PM

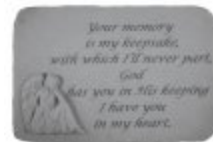
TM

Well said Mark and Jill. I think all of us at Faith are still in disbelief and missing our friend and teammate. Gary had to dumb down many things for me over the years but man did I learn a lot from him. I still catch myself thinking I need to call Gary for assistance! I truly admired his recovery from his stroke and his dedication to swimming daily. Regret that we never got to ride bikes together. Chris, Mikayla and Kyle and Becky you are all in my prayers as you navigate grief.

Tori Moser - March 27, 2024 at 12:54 AM

FS

“ Francis and Linda Smith. purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Your memory is..." for the family of Gary E. Smith.



Francis and Linda Smith. - March 05, 2024 at 02:43 PM

KB

“ I am so shocked and sorry for your loss. Gary had asked me for pictures of Ron and him. Since I had packed them , I only found the box last week and was going to call to have him help me go through them all. He was the only other one that helped Ron wire the 8 deuce set up. Prayed for you all.

Kay Bettin - February 22, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MS

I'm sure mom and I know I would love to see them. We're also putting a slide show together

Mikayla

Mikayla Smith - March 08, 2024 at 06:57 PM

KM

“ Heartfelt sympathy Chris, Kyle, and Mikayla. My prayers are with all of you for recovery and peace. A high school classmate gone too soon and dear friend so injured. God's Peace.

Karen Mangels - February 21, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LF

Our deepest sympathy Chris, Kyle and Mickayla, many prayers going out to you. Gary and Lois Faist

Lois faist - February 22, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SS

Worked with Gary for many years and he was truly one of a kind. Going to miss the conversations we had. My heart and prayers go out to the Smith family.

Shane Sweet - February 22, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JH

Gary was a colleague of mine at Faith Regional. Always greeted everyone with a smile and a "Hello". He will be missed by many. Prayers going out to his family.

Jon Hintz - February 23, 2024 at 03:48 PM

AK

I consider it a great privilege of my career to have known and worked with Gary Smith over these past 17 years. He was very smart at all the aspects of his craft in making telecommunications and networking work better for FRHS. Gary was always about excellence. FRHS was blessed to had Gary's unique combination of skills, talents, and persistence on their team.

I always enjoyed our conversations. We talked about work, but we also talked about family, community, the cabin, animal husbandry, Local High School, Husker or Bluejay Sports, and many other topics of interest; but he always brightened up the most when talking about family: his or mine.

My deepest condolences to Chris, Kyle, and Makayla. I may have only met you once over the years, but it was evident that he loved you all very much and was proud to be husband and father of your family.

May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Continuing prayers for the Gary Smith Family.

Andy Kauffold

Andy Kauffold - February 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MS

This was beautiful. Thank you 🙏

Mikayla Smith - March 14, 2024 at 10:10 PM