



Jerry Lee Smith

May 15, 1965 - July 16, 2024

Jerry Smith, 59, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at his home in Oskaloosa.

Jerry Lee Smith was born May 15, 1965, in Oskaloosa to Richard and Peggy (Halliburton) Smith. He attended Oskaloosa Schools and graduated with the class of 1983. After his education, Jerry began working for Musco. He was a lighting technician and drove some of Musco's mobile lighting trucks. Jerry worked at many different stadiums and event venues; some highlights include the Olympics, the White House, Notre Dame Football games, and even some movies, including Varsity Blues, for which he is listed in the credits. After his time at Musco, Jerry began working in the concrete business, eventually purchasing his concrete pump truck. Jerry enjoyed the concrete business and had a real knack for all aspects of his business. After retiring from concrete work, Jerry began working for the Oskaloosa High School as a custodian, where he was currently employed. Jerry was blessed to become a father. One of the loves of his life is his daughter, Saydee Smith.

Jerry met Katina Sauer while out on the town and always bragged to his buddies how "he was going to marry her someday." While Katina was in New York City on a business trip, she was visiting the top of the Empire State Building. Her phone had not worked all day, but as soon as she reached the top, she received a call from Jerry. He was a true gentleman pursuing Katina, and Jerry was a man of his word. He and Katina were married on July 19, 2008 in Oskaloosa.

Jerry was an avid fisherman, loving to go flathead fishing on the river in his boat. Katina enjoyed fishing more in the ponds but would humor him and go on boat rides with him. They spent many weekends camping and riding his motorcycle as well.

Jerry was a friend to everyone. He truly did not know a stranger. He would help anyone in any way he knew how. Jerry's true love was his family, especially his daughter Saydee and his wife Katina.

He is survived by his wife, Katina Smith of Oskaloosa; his daughter, Saydee Smith of Arizona; his father and step-mother, Richard (Kathryn) Smith of Pleasantville, Iowa; his sister, Sherri (Matt) Gillette of Arizona; his parents-in-law, Larry (Barb) Sauer of Alabama and Karen Sauer of Oskaloosa; a brother-in-law, Kristofer (Tammy) Sauer of New Sharon; his step-sons, Jordan Lamb of Coralville and Drea Lamb of North Liberty; his nephews, Andy, Joe and Jack Gillette; two uncles; Rick Leydens of Eddyville and Earl Shaffer of Oskaloosa; and an aunt, Regina Bunnell. He also leaves behind countless friends, whom he considered to be as close as family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Smith.

Memorial Services for Jerry will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, July 19, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Jon Nelson of Central Church officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to service time on Friday. Memorial contributions can be made to Katina Smith and will be designated at a later time.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

GJ

“*Katina, I am so sorry for your loss. The Cowboy Church as well as I are praying for you and your family.*”



Geroge K Ballard Jr - July 19, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LW

“*Leisa Wright purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*”



Leisa Wright - July 19, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“*Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*”



July 18, 2024 at 06:30 PM

MS

“*Mr.&Mrs Tom Shipp purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*”



Mr.&Mrs Tom Shipp - July 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MS

“ *Mr.&Mrs Tom Shipp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Smith.*

Mr.&Mrs Tom Shipp - July 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*



July 18, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*



July 18, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TF

“ *The Climatech Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Smith.*

The Climatech Family - July 18, 2024 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ *Todd Cara Sage lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Smith*



Todd Cara Sage - July 18, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.*



July 18, 2024 at 11:47 AM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear this, may God grant his family peace. I will be praying for his family.*



Donny Hendley - July 18, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JO

“ *My Uncle Jerry has always been such a kind person. He could make anybody laugh or crack a smile. He loved his family more than anything and he will be so dearly missed.*



Joe - July 18, 2024 at 10:28 AM

MK

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Jerry was a great person and my heart goes out to the family.



Meagan McDonald Klinker - July 18, 2024 at 09:49 AM

TB

“ Toni Breuklander lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Smith



Toni Breuklander - July 18, 2024 at 09:38 AM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Smith



Becky Netten - July 18, 2024 at 06:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.



July 18, 2024 at 06:18 AM

BC

“ Beth Crookham purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.



Beth Crookham - July 18, 2024 at 02:27 AM

BC

“ Beth Crookham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Smith.

Beth Crookham - July 18, 2024 at 02:27 AM

DM

“ This is so heartbreaking. 💔
Love to Katina and Saydee.
Jerry was an awesome guy, even though he teased me alot.
R.I.P. buddy.

Donna McBurney - July 18, 2024 at 12:10 AM

SS

“ I remember when Jerry raced BMX with my brother Gene years ago then when our daughters Played softball together Jerry was a good friend and he will be missed but not forgotten. To the family so sorry for your loss prayers and hugs as you go through this sad time. R.I.P. Jerry until we meet again our friend



Sharon Shipp - July 17, 2024 at 11:28 PM

TN

“ Todd, Gina, Sandy, & Tom Negrete purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.



Todd, Gina, Sandy, & Tom Negrete - July 17, 2024 at 11:02 PM

TN

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Todd, Gina, Sandy, & Tom Negrete - July 17, 2024 at 11:02 PM

PV

“ Jerry was such a sweet guy! Prayers to his family ❤️🙏



Patricia VanHelten - July 17, 2024 at 10:59 PM

DD

“ We're so sorry for your loss.



Donnie and Debbie - July 17, 2024 at 09:55 PM

SW

“ Sharon Welch lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Smith



Sharon Welch - July 17, 2024 at 08:27 PM

SW

So sorry for your loss Katina.

Sharon Welch - July 17, 2024 at 08:28 PM

CW

“ Cindy Williams lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Smith



Cindy Williams - July 17, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Smith.



July 17, 2024 at 08:03 PM