

Ryan Paul Smith
October 4, 1978 - March 4, 2018

Ryan Paul Smith, 39, of Sherwood Township, died on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation in Union City. Pastor Trent Hammond from Crossroads Church in Sherwood will officiate. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall #5319 in Athens.

Ryan was born On October 4, 1978 in Hancock, MI to Robert W. and Shirleen (Blue) Smith, Jr. The family moved to Sherwood when Ryan was six, then later to Union City. He had resided in the area since. Ryan was homeschooled in his early years and attended public school in Quincy for a time with the Class of 1996. On March 26, 2004, he married the former Cathy Lynn Weller in Coldwater. He was employed as a truck driver and in construction, for the family business, Smitty's Home Install. Additionally, Ryan worked at Griswold's as a welder, Dexter Axel and Robbins' Auto Parts. When not working, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars and spending time with family.

Survivors include Ryan's wife, Cathy; his children, Julia Smith, Noah Smith and Christian Smith; his parents, Robert Smith, Jr. of Union City and Shirleen Blue-Murrell of Colorado Springs, CO; his brothers, Robert (Carol Woldt) Smith III of Union City and Richard (Michelle) Smith of San Jose, CA; nine nieces and nephews; and one great-niece. Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ted & Shirley (Larson) Blue, Robert W. Smith, Sr. and Mary Lou (Swihart) Gordon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation, P.O. Box 161, Union City, MI 49094, to help with final expenses.

## **Events**

MAR 8	Memorial Service	02:00PM - 03:00PM	
	Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation Services, LLC		
	634 Mendon Road, U	Mendon Road, Union City, MI, US, 49094	

## Comments



Thinking of you a lot right now... I love and miss you...

Ashley Smith - May 19, 2019 at 10:27 PM



One year has gone by my sweet love. I couldn't say anything on here at that one year mark it just seemed incredible still that you're gone I love you and I miss you so much everyday it's a heartache for me I love you honey and I miss you

Shirleen ,Mom - April 27, 2019 at 07:44 PM



Happy birthday dad I love you and miss you very much have a great birthday I miss you lots dad I wish you were still here with us kids and Mom we all miss you a lot

Julia - October 04, 2018 at 10:23 AM



Dad I remember all the good times and bad times we have had together I will truly miss you and you will always be in my heart dad I remember when you came to all my softball games and cheered me on and let me know that I was doing a great job every time I hit the ball and made it to a base and I will always remember that I am your little princess fly high dad and always remember I always love you

Julia - April 23, 2018 at 08:51 AM



I Love you my baby son, and I will miss you forever in my heart. Love Mama,

Shirleen Murrell - April 07, 2018 at 05:19 PM





66 Send him my people sympathy to the whole family



Ruth Smith - March 09, 2018 at 11:06 AM



66 Sorry my phone is messing up. It is suppose to say," sending prayers to all the family Ruth Smith - March 09, 2018 at 11:08 AM



Ryan, you will be truly missed. You had a big heart, and always cheered people up, on there down days... You really be missed. Spread them wings high, and live free without Pain... Kristin Paquin



Kristin Paquin - March 08, 2018 at 01:25 PM



I remember all the things we did with the kids the trips we took together as a family you will always be in my heart and will be sadly missed by each and every loved one I love you so much RIH fly high with your wings now you are pain free and not suffering anymore pain

Cathy smith - March 06, 2018 at 11:15 PM



I am sorry that it happened I hope it gets better dekotah rue - March 07, 2018 at 08:28 AM



Sorry that this happened . Ryan was such a good guy. And kind to me when I came over. Hope you guys get better.

kinsley - March 07, 2018 at 08:29 AM



So sorry Cathy. Sending you & the kids big comforting hugs.

Rhonda - March 08, 2018 at 08:51 AM



66 I am so so so sorry u and the kids had to go though this love u all Rachel Pennock - March 10, 2018 at 07:18 PM



Cousin Ryan, I remember when you were born and your two brothers were excited to have a little brother. I would stop in to see your grandpa Ted (my uncle) and the three of you would be having a blast chasing each other around his house. I bet you are sitting joking with your grandpa now. Rest now after your long fight. Prayers to all..

Cousin John Blue and family

John B - March 06, 2018 at 09:40 PM



Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryan Paul Smith.



March 06, 2018 at 07:29 PM





66 Ryan I remember when I stayed the night at



Dekotah Rue - March 06, 2018 at 06:33 PM



66 At their house and me and jewla road the dirt bikes and I was scared so Ryan talked me

Dekotah Rue - March 06, 2018 at 06:34 PM



**66** Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ryan Paul Smith.



March 06, 2018 at 06:31 PM



66 Rob Smith lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Rob Smith - March 06, 2018 at 01:29 PM





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Rob Smith - March 06, 2018 at 01:28 PM





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Lisa Bradley lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Lisa Bradley - March 06, 2018 at 10:16 AM





Marcia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Marcia Watkins - March 06, 2018 at 10:00 AM



Ryan my cousin you could always make me laugh without even trying. You are one of the kindest people I knew you would always help someone out if you could without them even asking. We had some good times growing up like the time we tied the wagon up to the bike Rob was riding and you got dumped out into the ditch lol. I love you and I know you are at peace with grams and a lot of other family I know they will take good care of you.

Lisa Bradley - March 05, 2018 at 10:20 PM



Dear friend I am sher going to miss you a lot you and I did crazy things back in the day when you was across the street from me you asked if I like to ride to store with you I said sher on the way back Ryan was in a blue colored truck with a wood flat back bed he done a reverse drop and lit the tires up wow this is something I'll never for get RIP my dear friend we all will miss you your friend Roger

Roger reed - March 05, 2018 at 10:52 PM



Omg this is so sad to here. You were a awesome guy . And always very sweet to me when I came over. Definitely when we went to log road and I crashed Noah's dirt bike. Honestly you are a strong, powerful and a sweet man. I am sending prayers to the whole smith family. #RIP

Kinsley - March 05, 2018 at 08:13 PM



I will always remember all the good time we have had . Memories of watching you grow up and all the laughs and fishing and hunting with you and Dad . Little bro I'm so broken and feel so empty knowing that your big smile and Great Big heart and Scence of homor . You were made to be strong , because of myself and our other brother making you so Tough ... I love you ("Goob") . You are and will always be the Best little brother a guy could ever be blessed with ...

Rob Smith - March 05, 2018 at 07:07 PM



66 Rose Marie Waffle lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Rose Marie Waffle - March 05, 2018 at 06:43 PM



66 Lighthouse lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Lighthouse - March 05, 2018 at 05:58 PM



My cousin Ryan Smith knew how to cheer me upon a bad day and always there for me when I needed someone to talk to ... He is now in heaven with my dad mom and family loves u ryan

Brenda cason - March 05, 2018 at 02:06 PM





**66** Thinking of the family in this time



Aaron Robbins - March 05, 2018 at 12:27 PM





Peggy Miller lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Peggy Miller - March 05, 2018 at 11:14 AM



66 It great lost he was a great guy with a heart of gold rip Ryan Rachael Caldwell - March 05, 2018 at 11:27 AM





66 RIP.Ryan prayers for all



Mary - March 05, 2018 at 09:50 AM





66 Carrie Jesse Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Carrie Jesse Pemberton - March 05, 2018 at 08:24 AM





66 Cynthia lit a candle in memory of Ryan Paul Smith



Cynthia - March 04, 2018 at 11:48 PM



66 RIP Ryan, fly high my friend.

Cynthia - March 04, 2018 at 11:49 PM





66 Ryan was a very loving man, always in a good mood when I saw him. My heart goes out to Cathy and the kids.



Iva - March 04, 2018 at 10:28 PM





66 My heart goes out to his wife, and especially his children in their time of loss.



Jennifer Wilson - March 04, 2018 at 08:55 PM





**66** Sorry for the loss of Ryan! We will be sadly missed! Ryan is at peace. May he fly high with his new wings.



Mag & LeRoy Jones' - March 04, 2018 at 07:32 PM