



## Robert Joseph Smith

October 10, 1936 - May 4, 2026

Robert Joseph William Smith, age 89, of Grand Ledge, Michigan, left this world peacefully on May 4, 2026, surrounded by cherished memories and the love of his family. Born on October 10, 1936, in Lansing, Michigan, Bob was the son of the late Leonard and Romilda (Leik) Smith. He graduated from St. Mary's High School before embarking on a journey that would define his life—a commitment to service and community.

Bob proudly enlisted in the United States Army on April 28, 1955, serving his country until his discharge as a Specialist Second Class on April 12, 1958. Following his military service, he dedicated over thirty years to his career as a Computer Repair Technician, first with Burroughs and later known as the Unisys Corporation, where he was known for his expertise and dedication.

Bob was a man of many passions. He found joy in the great outdoors, whether hunting, fishing, or gardening. Golfing was a beloved pastime, and his winter months were often spent soaking in the warm sunshine of Florida, creating lasting memories with family and friends. Above all, he treasured the time spent with his grandchildren -Nicklaus, David, Emma, Madeline, Quinton, and Samuel -who brought immense joy to his life.

Bob is survived by his loving spouse of over sixty-three years, Ellen (Fox), and his children, David (Kelly) Smith, Mary Jo (John) Anderson, and Sharon

(Walt)Reynolds, along with his sister, Donna Meitler. He was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Sue Ann and Ralph Leonard, Jim (Mary Ann) Fabiano, and Mike Quintieri. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all those whose lives he touched.

In honoring Bob's legacy, a Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Grand Ledge by Father James Eisele. A Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 am, followed by Military Honors to honor his service to our nation. You may watch the funeral mass for Bob at 10:00 am Saturday on the St. Michael Church YouTube channel at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/live/sxb\\_GCdd2hAI](https://www.youtube.com/live/sxb_GCdd2hAI). Following a luncheon at the church, the Rite of Committal will take place at Hillside Cemetery. Visitation will take place at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a Scripture Service at 7:30PM.

In honor of his love for gardening, the family prefers potted plants or perennial flowers rather than fresh-cut arrangements or memorial contributions may be given to St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 (<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stm345273/CHURCH>) or the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 84092, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692 (<https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW>). His spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those he loved and those who loved him in return. Share your memories and condolences online at [holihanatkin.com](http://holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Cemetery

6415 Delta River Drive  
Lansing, MI 48906-8007

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
jasonbarclay@holihanatkin.com  
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## Scripture Service

MAY 8. 7:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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MAY 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church  
345 Edwards Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Ron Morris - May 08 at 11:06 AM

AF

“ Anna & the Zanin Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.



Anna & the Zanin Family - May 07 at 09:52 PM

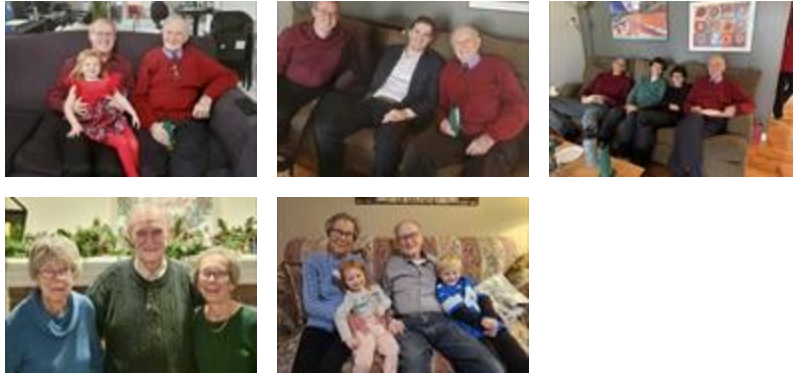
SD

“ Shannon D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Joseph Smith.

Shannon D. - May 07 at 09:35 PM

MA

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Maryjo Anderson - May 07 at 05:05 PM

PL

“ Philip & Karen Longman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.



Philip & Karen Longman - May 07 at 04:29 PM

RZ

“ Raelyn, Zach and Nick Zeilinger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.



Raelyn, Zach and Nick Zeilinger - May 07 at 07:54 AM

RZ

“ *Raelyn, Zach and Nick Zeilinger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Joseph Smith.*

Raelyn, Zach and Nick Zeilinger - May 07 at 07:54 AM

TF

“ *The Lewandowsky family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.*



The Lewandowsky family - May 06 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ *The Lewandowsky family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Joseph Smith.*

The Lewandowsky family - May 06 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ *Love, Bill, Dawn & Brynn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.*



Love, Bill, Dawn & Brynn - May 06 at 11:31 AM

LR

“ Love, Johnny and Vicki Reinhart purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Joseph Smith.



Love, Johnny and Vicki Reinhart - May 06 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ Love, Johnny and Vicki Reinhart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Joseph Smith.

Love, Johnny and Vicki Reinhart - May 06 at 10:21 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Take care. Diane Adair-Williams

Diane Adair- Williams - May 06 at 06:30 AM

NG

Sharon, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May the love you shared and memories made fill your heart and bring you comfort always. Holding you and your family in my prayers.

Nancy Gomoll - May 06 at 06:02 PM

LN

Fond memories of get togethers at Bkb and Ellen's home. Always viewing his garden and his love of gardening and his Zinnias that he planted from his own seeds. Sorry to his family for their loss. 💕🙏

Linda Norwood - May 07 at 04:19 PM

PS

*Ellen and family -*

*Over the years we have great memories of spending time with you and seeing you both at mass.*

*My heart goes out to you all, I know, firsthand how a loss can feel and feel different for each person.*

*Ellen a loss of a husband is hard but when you think of all the great times you shared - those will become happy tears at some point. And tomorrow is one less day before you see him again! Love to you all -  
Patti Schafer*

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**Patti Schafer** - May 07 at 08:43 PM

LR

*I have great memories of our childhood on Quincy Lane, playing with the Smith kids and spending time with all of the "circle" friends of mom and dad (Bob, Ellen and the whole gang). How lucky we all are to have had such friendships. I will always remember Bob's smile and kindness. Love and prayers to the whole family. Laura Rausch (Faiver)*

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**Laura Rausch** - May 08 at 03:46 PM