



## S Michael Smith

August 12, 1950 - October 30, 2016

S Michael Smith, 66, passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at his home in Wadsworth, IL. He was born August 12, 1950 in New Brunswick, NJ, and raised in Sayreville, NJ, where he graduated from Sayreville Memorial High School. Mike went on to graduate with a Business Degree from Northland College in Ashland, WI, where he played on the football team as an offensive and defensive lineman, was an active member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, and ultimately where he met his wife of nearly 45 years, Kathi. Mike had been a former longtime resident of Libertyville and member of St. Joseph Church, and most recently was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Wadsworth, IL. Mike was a retired executive of Morgan Stanley, a horse-racing enthusiast, cared deeply for all of his many friends and family – and above all an intensely committed husband, father, and grandfather (HopPop). He often said he "loved his grandkids best".

Surviving are wife, Kathryn Smith; 3 adult children, Sarah, Ross (Carmen) and Stella (Ben) Smith; 2 grandchildren, Elizabeth & Jack Michael; sister, Carol Hanvey; true brother, Bo (Stella) and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Jane Smith.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. followed by prayers at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, November 4, 2016 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue in Libertyville and continuing to St. Joseph Church, 121 E. Maple Avenue in Libertyville for funeral mass at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please

send memorial contributions to the Thoroughbred Charities of America. For info: 847-362-3009 or sign the guestbook at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ It was a pleasure to have met and known Mike. He was a very kind and generous man. I enjoyed our discussions on College football & was happy that I was able to get tickets to some games in some stadiums he had not been too! He now have the best seat in the house!! Until we meet again! Semper Fi... Michael & Jamie Kuzniak

Michael Kuzniak - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

Lee Pfaff - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JM

“ Good friend and mentor. Great man!His golf game needed work :0) Played golf with him a few year back in NJ and he lost his temper after hitting a bad shot. May have said a few choice word (I said may). He threw his club and it went into a tree. I think it is still up there. I play the course a lot and always chuckle when I go by the tree. I will miss him!

John McElgunn - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JM

“ Mike . Was my mentor , my friend and I learned more about people and business as well the importance of family and friends . Kathy and kids my heart and prayers go out to you all . God Bless

Jim Miller - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JM

“ Mike , was my mentor and personal friend . He taught me about people , life and how to manage people . He taught me the importance of family and friends. Mike you have impacted so many lives and taught all of us how to be the best we could be .

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**Jim Miller** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

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“ Condolences to the entire family. Mike was one of a kind!

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**Donna Hyerdall (Henrich)** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CP

“ Mike was my boss--he hired me --Then he was my mentor...oh how he challenged you,taught you,and made you a better manager-- Then he was my friend He did so much for me and my family.....-- Then he was family He welcomed me to be with his,and I was proud of the time he spent with mineMemories... there are too many to recount Our track times-pick 6's we won,pick 6's we lost (we were screwed in March buddy!) the breeders cups we did,monmouth,meadowlands,--oh the conversations....i'll never,ever forget them I'm so glad you called a couple Saturdays ago-- tip,at laurel I forgive you for yelling at me when the horse opened up at 1-9! (it wasn't me bo) i'll never forget youKathi.... he loved his family so much--family--always asked about mine,told me about his...he loved you guys My thoughts and prayers are with you...

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**Chris Penesso** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

LO

“ My sincere condolences to Mike's family, so sorry for your loss.

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**Laura O'Malley** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

KB

“ Mike was a good friend of ours for 35 years. We worked together and spent some nice times with Him, Kathy and family. Will miss our Friend!

*Ken and Bonnie Burke*

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**Ken Burke** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

BJ

“ While we did not have the privilege of meeting Mike, we are fortunate enough to know two of his incredible children. We can only begin to imagine what a wonderful man Mike was to have raised such kind, caring and genuine people. You can't help but smile when you are around Ross and Stella. His spirit definitely shines through them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Smith family during this difficult time. Love, Bob and Lisa Jacobs

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**Bob and Lisa Jacobs** - June 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ Kathy, Sarah, Ross, Stella....I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man, larger than life.

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**Joe Sindric** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

RT

“ S Michael Smith

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**Ron Tegler** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

RT

“ Mike was a colleague and friend. We worked together for many years at Morgan Stanley through good times and challenges. Mike was a good leader and was well respected. After retiring from Morgan Stanley we played golf in a foursome for several years. It was always fun to play golf with Mike. We enjoyed joking around and friendly wagers. We will miss Mike. Best of everything to his Family!

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**Ron Tegler** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

BA

“ Smith Family: I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I respected Mike. Enjoy your memories.

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**Beth Kazmerzak Amor** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

JD

“ The Smith family are all in my prayers at this time. God bless each of you. Ron really loved working with Mike.

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**Judy DeGruccio-Galliher** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

SP

“ Kathi, Sarah, Stella, Ross, family and friends, Mike was an amazing man. I have nothing but wonderful memories with all of you. I hope that at this difficult time, you can all find peace.

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**Stacy Powers** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM

BV

“ Dear Kathi and family, Our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Mike. He was a great person and cousin in law. He brought such fun to our family reunions and gatherings. We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May all the laughter and good times you shared sustain you through the upcoming days. Love to all of you.

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**Barbara and Greg Vechinski** - April 27, 2018 at 04:38 AM