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Michael David Smith, 69, of Nashport, Ohio died Saturday morning, May 8, 2021 at Genesis Morrison House in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born August 1, 1951 in Zanesville he was a son of the late Leonard Gene Smith and Dorothy E. (Ashcraft) Smith of Frazeyburg, Ohio. He was a 1969 graduate of Tri-Valley High School and he received his Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources in 1974 from The Ohio State University. While at Ohio State Michael was a very active Buckeye sports fan. He served as manager of the Men's basketball team for four years and was the person behind "Brutus Buckeye" for four years. His enthusiasm for Buckeye sports remained throughout his life and he was a member of the Muskingum County OSU Alumni Club.

Following college Michael joined the United States Navy and served our country for 20 years. He then became a part of Homeland Security as a part of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command where he served until 2012. Following his service to our country he returned to the area and worked for his brother, Jeff, at Olde Village Meats in Frazeyburg for several years. Michael was Presbyterian by faith and he was the president of the annual Smiths At Brush Run family reunion.

Surviving in addition to his mother, Dorothy, is his brother, Jeff (KC) Smith of Frazeyburg; three nephews, Adam Smith, David (Kayela) Smith and Matthew Smith; a niece Ali (Evan) Hodel and a great niece, Kyiah Smith.

Friends may call from 1pm to 2pm Thursday, May 13, 2021 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted at approximately 2:30pm Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Zanesville Memorial Park Cemetery, 1475 Military Road, Zanesville, Ohio with Pastor David McCann officiating.



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Memorial contributions may be made to Genesis Hospice, 713 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.



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TK

Terry And Karin Kopchak posted:

Mike was a kind and generous man and a True Buckeye! We greatly enjoyed working with him on the Board of Governors of The OSU Alumni Club of Muskingum County. He was a great storyteller and we will always treasure his tales of his days as "Brutus Buckeye" and of OSU basketball with Coach Fred Taylor. We will miss Mike and we offer our sincere condolences and prayers for his family and friends.

May 13 at 1:16 PM

JR

Johanna Riley posted:

Very sad to hear the news about Mike. Such a strong person. Enjoyed his stories and life experiences as a fellow Buckeye club member. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

May 12 at 3:25 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Smith Family, sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. When I was in college, my soph. year we played OSU Newark, before the Ohio State game, on a Monday night, OUZ was allowed to go up and practice on Sunday, It was Mike that took us around on a tour of St. John Arena after practice. We came back up on Monday and won. Thanks Mike for giving me a memory, that I will never forget, that's right there with the 4 foul shots I made to clinch the victory in front of 12,000 screaming Buckeye fans. Rest in Peace, O H I O Mike. Randy Lincicome

May 10 at 3:14 PM

RD

Rossann Davis posted:

Remember Mike well. Prayers and condolences to Dorothy, Jeff and family.

May 10 at 2:45 PM

GC

Gloria Callahan posted:

Mike, I feel Blessed to have known you when we worked together at SPAWAR. You were so positive all of the time and you always put others before yourself. Such a kind and caring soul. The world is a bit darker without you in it.

May 10 at 8:32 AM



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RP

Rick And Becky Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

May 10 at 6:41 AM

DM

Daryl Miller posted:

I will miss you my dear friend you left me many joyous and wonderful memories that I will cherish. Most of all...the unconditional love you gave freely. And, The OHIO State Buckeye's football and basketball games were #1! Good journey Mike. Love, Daryl

May 10 at 4:12 AM

CK

Cheryl King posted:

So very sorry for the families loss, Mike had a long battle, and he fought hard. WE are the TV Class of 69 ! He will be missed. Prayers to all. R.I.P. MIKE

May 9 at 7:11 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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