



# Charles William "Charlie" Smith

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Charles William “Charlie” Smith, age 62, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at The Leila & Cyrus Poppen Residence. He was born July 30, 1961, in Chicago, IL, to Willard and Virgene (Miller) Smith. Charlie graduated from Cary-Grove High School in Cary, IL, in 1979 and worked for the family business, W. Smith Cartage Company, as a truck driver and dispatcher for over 40 years. On September 15, 1990, he married Gale Nelson, and they were preparing to celebrate 33 years together.

In 2017 after retiring from the family business, Charlie and Gale realized their dream of moving to the Silver Lake Sand Dunes and took a leap of faith with son Scott and bought Duneland Off-Road Center in 2017. Charlie loved working with his “Duneland family” and cherished the relationships he created with the wonderful staff and the many customers and vendors. He was a SLRA (Silver Lake Recreation Assoc) Board Member and passionate about promoting the local area. Heroes on the Dunes was a favorite weekend and he loved bringing his brother Tom to town to spend time with him and other Veterans. What he loved most though, was spending time with his grandchildren.

Charlie’s great sense of humor, dedicated work ethic and zest for life will be deeply missed by his wife, Gale; son, Scott (Racheal) Carlson; grandchildren, Gavin Carlson, Logan Dean and Alex Blohm; brothers, Tom Smith, Jim (Betty) Smith and Steve Smith; sisters, Susan (Gary) Lindsley, Sharon Ormsby, Mariann (Greg) Hoeft-Werderitch and twin sister, Patty (Bill) Downey. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A PRIVATE MEMORIAL SERVICE was held by the family. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE will be held at Duneland Off-Road Center on Sunday, October 8 from 12pm to 3pm. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be directed to [The Leila & Cyrus Poppen Residence](#) or [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#). The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services (737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442) is honored to be serving the Carlson/Smith family. To share special memories with the family, please visit <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.




## Events


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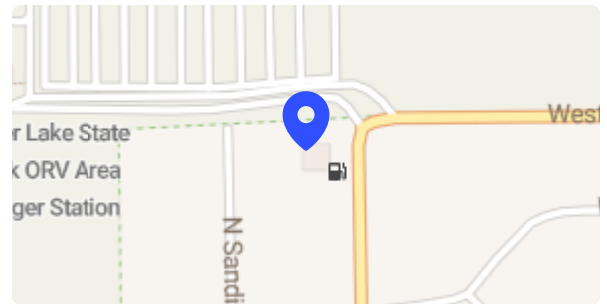
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### Celebration of Life

 **Sunday**, October 8, 2023

 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

 **Duneland Off-Road Center**  
1951 N. 24th Ave., Mears MI 49436





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Smith family.



October 6 at 12:21 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Smith family.



October 3 at 2:46 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Smith family.



September 25 at 7:18 AM



**Roger Laroche** posted:

Great guy! I met him through a dear mutual friend. Spent many Christmas party's together and he was always in the holiday spirit. 🎄 He carried that spirt throughout the year! I was glad to have know him. My condolences to Charlies entire family.

September 19 at 8:07 AM



**Steve Shipway** posted:

Sorry to hear the news about Charlie, we worked with him for many years at smith cartage. There are a lot of memories you never forget. Steve shipway, John forsythe

September 15 at 8:12 AM



**Dick Larsen** posted:

Gale and all of the Smith family,very sorry for your loss.RIP Charlie ! 👤 👤

September 15 at 7:13 AM



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DL

**Dave & Jackie Latimore** lit a candle in honor of Charles.

September 14 at 3:01 PM



TR

**Tonya (Baker) Reynolds.** sent a virtual gift in honor of Charles.

Gale I am so sorry to hear about Charlie. My heart and prayers are with you and Scott. I love you both. I hadn't seen Charlie since I was probably a little kid but he was always so nice.

September 14 at 12:14 PM



BB

**Becky Beck** September 14 at 2:15 PM

Gale May the memories of Charlie carry you through this very difficult time.. life is so short and difficult and I know that the love you two shared will always be within you "Forever".. may Charlie rest in peace and be your shining star to guide you now.. I believe he will always be with you.. Both Randy and I will be praying for you and your family.. our sincere condolences for this tremendous loss of your loved one. Love Ya Charlie!! You will be missed by Many!!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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