



Richard James 'Smitty' Smith

November 6, 1954 - May 3, 2026

Richard James “Smitty” Smith, 71, of Lake Villa, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Rick was born on November 6, 1954, in Chicago to the late Betty Lou and James Smith. In 1969, he moved to the Round Lake area, where he later graduated from Round Lake High School. Shortly thereafter, Rick began a long and dedicated career with Commonwealth Edison, working at their Waukegan coal plant. He retired after 35 years of service, known for his strong work ethic and commitment.

Rick had a deep love for sports, especially cheering on the Chicago Bears and Cubs. He cherished time spent practicing various sports with his children and enjoyed the thrill of the hunt through metal detecting and garage sales. He was an avid coin collector with a keen interest in World War II history and always delighted in uncovering hidden treasures—both historical and personal.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Debra Smith; his children, Ryan Scheck, Kimmy (Brian) Witt, and Derek Smith; and his granddaughter, Madison Witt. Rick will be remembered as a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, and a loyal friend.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, May 31st, 2026 at RJ's Eatery, 1913 E. Grand Avenue, Lindenhurst, IL 60046.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

RJ's Eatery
1913 E. Grand Avenue
Lindenhurst, IL 60046