



Richard L. Smith

December 3, 1935 - June 22, 2026

Richard "Rich" Lawrence Smith, age 90, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2026, in Williamsburg, Michigan. Born on December 3, 1935, in Albany, New York, to Chester and Carolyn (Jaquay) Smith, Rich lived a full and remarkable life dedicated to his family, faith, and career.

A proud graduate of the University of Michigan in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Rich embarked on a career that spanned more than four decades. He began his professional journey at Sandia Air Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Later, he contributed his expertise at Scans Associates in Livonia, Michigan. Together with his beloved wife, Carol, Rich co-owned Hughes Electronics Products Corp., also based in Livonia. His dedication and hard work were evident throughout his career.

Rich was a devoted husband to Carol for 68 wonderful years until her passing in April 2026. Their bond was the cornerstone of their lives as they built a loving family together. Rich is survived by his children: Richard Smith Jr., Amandasue Butterfield, Kurt Smith, and Suzanne (Joseph) Moscynski. He also leaves behind his sister Joan; grandchildren Alicia, Jonathan, Jeremy, Jelana, Brianna, and Courtney; and great-grandchildren Braelyn, Izaiah, Zoey, Onyka, Mira, Kynzlie, Sophie, Liviana, Tristan, Korbyn, Wesson, Ayla, Josie, and Elodie. Additionally, he is remembered fondly by many nieces and nephews.

Rich's life was enriched by his passions and hobbies. He enjoyed bowling and golf and had a deep interest in family history research. One of his greatest

joys was traveling the world with Carol by his side; they especially cherished their winters spent in Hawaii. Together they visited all 50 states and six continents, as well as several Caribbean islands.

As a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Rich found strength and purpose through his faith.

Above all else, Rich loved his family deeply—his wife Carol was the love of his life—and he took immense pride in the legacy they created together through their children and subsequent generations.

May Richard Smith's memory bring comfort to all who knew him and inspire those who carry forward the values he held dear.

Friends and relatives are invited to a memorial service at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kalkaska, MI (1128 N Cedar St) on July 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to your favorite charitable organization.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
1128 US-131 (N. Cedar Street)
Kalkaska, MI 49646