



Keith Smith

September 21, 1943 - February 21, 2025

Keith Ray Smith, 81, of Troy, Iowa, passed away on February 21, 2025. Born on September 21, 1943, in Davis County to Mary Gibson and Guy Smith, Keith lived a life defined by unwavering love, quiet kindness, and a deep-seated spirit of service. He will be profoundly missed by his beloved family, cherished friends, and all who were fortunate to know him.

Growing up in what was known as “Dog Patch” in Bloomfield, Keith was one of ten Smith children, a lively brood that instilled in him the values of family and community. He attended Bloomfield Elementary and graduated from Davis County Community High School, where his mischievous spirit and warm heart made him a beloved figure. His youth was filled with the simple joys of small-town life; playful pranks on unsuspecting neighbors, the satisfying click of billiard balls at the Bloomfield pool hall, and the friendly competition of bowling and pinball. These early passions shaped his character, fostering a lifelong love of both camaraderie and skillful pursuit.

On May 22, 1965, Keith found his soulmate in Lelah Kay Prevo. Their marriage, a testament to enduring love, spanned 59 years, a lifetime of shared laughter, quiet moments, and devotion to each other. Together, they raised two children, Angela Shipley (Jeff) and Travis Smith (Emily), who became the center of Keith’s world. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a doting grandfather, finding joy in simple pleasures like playing cards, boating

on sunny afternoons, and cheering on his family at countless sporting events.

Keith's dedication extended beyond his family to his lifelong career at Troy Elevator. With a brief stint at the Bloomfield Newspaper, he poured his heart into Troy Elevator for more than 60 years, becoming an indispensable part of its fabric. From humble beginnings to mastering every facet of the operation, Keith's work was more than a job; it was a calling. He treated everyone—farmers, executives, and colleagues—with the same respect and generosity, earning their lasting admiration. His final day was spent doing what he loved most, a testament to his loyalty and work ethic.

Beyond his work and family, Keith was a soft-spoken but well-known part of the community. He was a member of Christ Community Church and served as the Treasurer of the Troy Park Board, always eager to contribute to the betterment of his hometown. His selfless spirit touched countless lives, leaving a legacy of kindness that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Keith's memory will be cherished by his beloved wife, Kay; his children, Angela (Jeff) and Travis (Emily); his grandchildren, Hadley DeFraia (Shane), Sydney Smith, Avery Smith, Bode Smith, and Georgia Smith; his great-grandchildren, Emilia DeFraia and Zeke DeFraia; his siblings, Barry (Doris) Smith, Marcia (Jerry) Lippert, and Pam Davison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings Estellene McClurg, Carolyn Ensminger, Florence Roberts, Ronald Smith, Michael Smith, Diana Lawson, and an infant sister.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Jacob Sandholm officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will

begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Community Church in Keith's memory and mailed to the funeral home at: Keith Smith Memorial, Wagler Funeral Home, 304 W. Jefferson St., Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

FEB 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

MAR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lana Inderski lit a candle in memory of Keith Smith



Lana Inderski - April 01, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Kevin, Molly, Hanne & Ella Livermore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Keith Smith.

Kevin, Molly, Hanne & Ella Livermore - February 27, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Kevin, Molly, Hanne & Ella Livermore purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Keith Smith.



Kevin, Molly, Hanne & Ella Livermore - February 27, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Keith Smith.



February 27, 2025 at 04:56 PM

MH

“ *Monte Harsch lit a candle in memory of Keith Smith*



Monte Harsch - February 26, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Keith Smith.

February 26, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Keith Smith.*



February 26, 2025 at 06:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Keith Smith.*



February 26, 2025 at 12:44 PM

JN

“ Jake, Molly, JJ and Felix Nurczyk purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Keith Smith.



Jake, Molly, JJ and Felix Nurczyk - February 26, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MH

“ May God's Love help comfort all of Keith's Loved ones. 🙏❤️🙏

Nancy Holt



Mark & Nancy Holt - February 25, 2025 at 10:32 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Keith Smith.



February 25, 2025 at 03:01 PM

BB

“ Thinking of you and your family
Have a great memories when played cards at our card parties
So much fun
Trying to get Eddie to play cards and not to visit
He loved all of refreshments that were there too
Friend. Bonnie B

Bonnie Birchmierp - February 24, 2025 at 05:51 PM

TM

“ *The Carlsons, Simmons, McEntees purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Keith Smith.*



The Carlsons, Simmons, McEntees - February 24, 2025 at 05:25 PM

SW

“ *My sympathy to you Kay and family on the loss of your beloved husband Keith. I remember you both with fond memories. Blessings to all. LaVera Smith Wiberg.*

Stella LaVera Wiberg - February 24, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TS

“ *Thank you for being a great Uncle. I have many fond memories of spending time with the family. Always welcoming and fun to be around. I will miss you.*

Traci Sipes - February 23, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FF

“ *From Brian, Beth Frye and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Keith Smith.*



From Brian, Beth Frye and Family - February 23, 2025 at 09:44 PM

CF

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Keith's family in his passing. He was indeed a great person and neighbor and I know his family is hurting. May precious memories comfort you and bring a smile to your faces as time marches on. May God draw near to strength, comfort and bring you peace. *Carla K Fleming*



Carla K Fleming - February 23, 2025 at 09:00 PM

GS

“ Kay thinking of you and your family at this time.



Georgia Stevens - February 23, 2025 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ Jesse Bonner lit a candle in memory of Keith Smith



Jesse Bonner - February 23, 2025 at 08:02 PM

LR

“ Lynn. Roberts lit a candle in memory of Keith Smith



Lynn. Roberts - February 23, 2025 at 07:30 PM

RG

“ Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Keith Smith



Regina Gooden - February 23, 2025 at 06:46 PM

RG

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the family. He will be missed.

Regina Gooden - February 23, 2025 at 06:48 PM

SD

Kay I'm so sad to hear about Keith. Please know you are in my prayers. I pray for comfort. My heart aches for you.

Sara Downing - February 23, 2025 at 09:17 PM

KP

Kay,

Tom and I were deeply saddened to hear about Keith. Over the years, we have absolutely enjoyed our times spent with you and Keith at class reunions and especially attending the Troy Church's Fall Festival events! We offer our love and prayers to you and your beautiful family.

Karen and Tom Prosapio

Karen and Tom Prosapio - February 24, 2025 at 01:14 PM