



## Ronald David Smith

March 8, 1948 - March 13, 2024

SMITH, Ronald David. March 13, 2024. Age 76. Beloved husband, father, stepfather, and grandfather; born to Joseph and Mary Smith on March 8, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in Redford Township, and graduated from Thurston High School. He attended college at Western Michigan University on a swimming scholarship and studied psychology.

Ron was a gifted athlete who excelled in aquatic sports, and was a member of the Thurston High School wrestling team and various baseball teams. He also enjoyed coaching, and was very proud to have been a swim instructor for deaf children at the YMCA, and Aquatics Director of the UAW Solidarity House, both in Detroit. He kept himself physically strong his entire life- lifting weights and walking as long as he was able.

Ron was always a hard worker, starting with busting concrete at age 14. He also held numerous positions at Ford Motor Company over his more than 30 year career, including President of the local security union in Dearborn. He was a lifelong learner, and enjoyed reading and researching. Respect and dignity for himself and others was very important to him, and he was kind and generous to all who knew him. He also appreciated humor, and was a good-natured person who believed in having quality relationships over quantity.

He was a dedicated son, a giving, caring, and loving husband and father, and

an over-the-top grandfather. His favorite activity was spending time with his family- he never missed celebrating a birthday. He loved Christmas as an opportunity to spoil and surprise his family- he wrapped everything! He loved his pets like family. He has left a gigantic void in all of their lives, along with many wonderful memories.

Visitation Monday 5-8pm with a 7pm funeral service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 54880 Van Dyke (at 25 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township. Memorial contributions to any local animal shelter are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township  
54880 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

# Tribute Wall

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“ When Ron & Mary Grace lived in Texas for those few years we had many family dinners together and we remember how much fun Ron was to be around. He was funny and always had a great story or two to tell. Ron was always so complementary of the food we prepared. We loved him very much.

David and Joy Nelson - March 18, 2024 at 10:42 AM

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“ David and Joy and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald David Smith.



David and Joy and family. - March 18, 2024 at 10:26 AM

KG

“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Ron. He was such a good man and was always so nice and had a smile on his face everytime I saw him. My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Mary Grace, Jennifer and Lisa and all the family.

Kileen Gaddis - March 17, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald David Smith.



March 17, 2024 at 10:34 AM

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“ Doreen & Warren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald David Smith.

Doreen & Warren - March 17, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald David Smith.



March 17, 2024 at 08:39 AM

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“ Paul Bruer and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald David Smith.

Paul Bruer and family - March 15, 2024 at 08:43 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald David Smith.



March 15, 2024 at 08:43 PM