



## Basil J. Smeester Sr.

September 29, 1923 - July 31, 2020

Basil J. Smeester, Sr., 96, of Kingsford passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, July 31, 2020 surrounded by family and friends.

He was born September 29, 1923 in Amberg, WI, son to Jule and Fay (Rector) Smeester. Basil was raised in Amberg, WI and started Smeester Brothers, Inc. with his brother, Joe, in Amberg in 1949. He moved to Kingsford, MI in 1955 when they purchased Four Seasons Beer Distributing.

Basil's passion was watching his trucking company grow and prosper, as well as spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He spent endless hours manicuring his lawn and enjoying the view of Cowboy Lake from his home. Many afternoons were enjoyed on his pontoon boat, cruising up and down the Menominee River. He and his wife, Helen, also took pleasure in spending the winters at their home in Las Vegas.

Basil is survived by one son, Basil Smeester, Jr. of Kingsford, MI; three grandchildren, Chad Smeester (Lisa), LeAna Smeester Lindquist, and Brandon Smeester (Bobbie Jean); two great-grandchildren, Tyler Lindquist and Onika Smeester; brothers, Joseph Smeester of Kingsford and Loren Smeester of Black River Falls, WI.; Helen's family, Steve and HopeAnn Blagec, Barbara and Mark Willman, Nick and Susie Blagec, Betsy and Patrick Shrift.

He was preceded in death by his wife Helen; two brothers, William "Bill" Smeester and Charles "Chuck" Smeester; and one sister, Fayadora Smeester.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 am Thursday, August 6, 2020 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Thursday at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Martyrs Church in Kingsford.

Condolences to the family of Basil Smeester, Sr. may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ *My thoughtts and prayers go out to the Family  
I was lucky to know Basil for many years!  
Basil was a great man! Rest in peace Sir  
He will be sadly missed but never forgotten*



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**Mike DeCleene** - August 06, 2020 at 04:43 PM

RG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you all. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Rod and Cynthia Gordon** - August 05, 2020 at 04:55 PM

AR

“ *R.I.P. Basil. You had a good run,sir.*



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**Al Rhino** - August 05, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for  
the family of Basil J. Smeester Sr..*



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August 05, 2020 at 01:05 PM

SB

“ *Sherri Black lit a candle in memory of Basil J. Smeester Sr.*



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**sherri black** - August 05, 2020 at 12:42 PM

DJ

“ *Duane E Johnson lit a candle in memory of Basil J. Smeester Sr.*



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**Duane E Johnson** - August 05, 2020 at 11:08 AM

TQ

“ *Terry Quick lit a candle in memory of Basil J. Smeester Sr.*



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**Terry Quick** - August 04, 2020 at 02:50 PM

RH

“ *Ron Hill lit a candle in memory of Basil J. Smeester Sr.*



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**Ron Hill** - August 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM

CJ

“ *Carl T. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Basil J. Smeester Sr.*



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**Carl T. Johnson** - August 04, 2020 at 01:03 PM

KT

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy, We have been Basil's neighbor for 17 years and we'll miss him dearly. We couldn't have asked for a better neighbor . We were truly blessed to have him! He was always there to lend a helping hand when we needed him. God Bless*  
*"The cockroach and Kayanne Timbrook*

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**Kayanne Timbrook** - August 04, 2020 at 10:35 AM