



## Charles W. Smith

February 23, 1932 - April 7, 2015

Charles W. Smith, 83, of Homestead, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. He was born February 23, 1932 in Springfield, Missouri to the late Elmer and Esther Smith. He was raised in Wallace, Michigan.

Charles joined the Army November 20th 1950 and was assigned with the RA 555 M.P. EG Company with duties overseas and in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged September 20, 1953. Charles was a member of the Laborers Union 1329 in Iron Mountain working for R. G. Joiner Company from 1967 and retiring in August 1991.

Charles had a great passion for the outdoors. Like many of his generation he enjoyed working in the woods making firewood. Charles had a passion for photography also. He could make the most common objects into a picture that truly spoke a thousand words with its beauty.

He married Marlene J. Leaveck on May, 29, 1954. Together they had 10 children. The couple made many quilts together after Charles' retirement. He continued making many blankets and quilts for his children and his grandchildren after Marlene's passing on Sept. 12, 2000.

Charles was survived by nine children Douglas (Barbara) Smith of Wausau Wisconsin, Susan (Lee) Lippmann of Shabbona, Illinois, Richard Smith of

Homestead, Wisconsin, Mitchell Smith of Florence, Wisconsin, Rodney Smith of Iron Mountain, Michigan, Julie (Donald) Petrovich of Big Rock, Illinois, Amy (Sergio) Canton of Olathe, Kansas, Jody (Dave) Bednarz of Goodman, Wisconsin and Jeff (Tracy) Smith of Texarkana, Texas, 21 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, and his best friend, his dog Benjamin III.

He was preceded in death by his son William C. Smith in May of 1992, one brother Alfred Smith, one sister Rosemary Nyberg, and one brother-in-law Norman Nyberg.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Charles Smith can 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

## Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

1372 Osterberg Parkway  
Niagara, WI 54151

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Love you Pops* ”



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**Jeff Smith** - April 16, 2015 at 08:17 PM

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“ *Love you Pops* ”



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**Son Jeff Smith** - April 16, 2015 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Sending Thoughts and prayers to all of you! I have many fond memories of spending time at the Smith household in Homestead, and riding the "bug" that Charles made, The entire family was a joy to be around. He was a wonderful man, and had a wonderful family! God Bless!* ”

*Lynn Gussert*

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**Lynn Gussert** - April 15, 2015 at 03:14 PM

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*Thank you Lynn. We did have some good times and made many fond memories.*

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**Julie Petrovich** - April 18, 2015 at 06:21 AM

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“ *Tracy Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles W. Smith*



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**tracy smith** - April 15, 2015 at 10:54 AM