



Russell Smart

July 29, 1995 - September 16, 2025

Russell Smart, 30, of Kingsford passed away in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his family on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

He was born July 29, 1995 in Iron Mountain, MI, son of Bradley and Kristy (Trempe) Smart. Russell graduated from Kingsford High School and was a lifelong resident of the area. Russell had a lifelong passion for weightlifting. The gym was where he pushed himself, but it was also where he found purpose in helping others. He shared his knowledge and energy with individuals and local sports teams always focusing on building confidence as much as strength. For Russell, it wasn't just about lifting weights but also about lifting people up. His encouragement and example left a lasting impact on all those he supported.

Travel was another joy in Russell's life. He began taking road trips with his dad at a very young age, first visiting the Mackinac Bridge and later Mount Rushmore. From that time on, he was always planning the next road trip. Some of his most memorable trips included a senior trip with friends to Glamis, California, where they rode side-by-sides through the giant sand dunes. After that, Russell took multiple trips to Colorado, where he enjoyed side-by-side riding in Taylor Park, attended the Strongman competition where he met Brian Shaw, and even met friends in-person whom he had played video games with online. Some of his most recent trips included a cross-

country road trip to see the Redwood Forest, hanging out with fitness influencers in Montana who took him drifting in Porsches, and bungee jumping off a cliff in Moab, Utah, an experience that captured his fearless spirit and determination to keep living life to the fullest.

At home, Russell enjoyed get-togethers with friends and family. He could often be found at friends' camps and cottages during hunting season, enjoying cookouts (especially when steak was on the grill), playing poker with his friends, and relaxing by the lake with family.

Russell will be remembered for his quick wit, sense of humor, and positive outlook on life. He faced challenges with determination, setting consistent goals and overcoming obstacles with hard work and resilience. Above all, he will be remembered as someone who inspired others to keep pushing forward, never give up, and always find strength within themselves.

He is survived by his parents, sisters, maternal grandparents, aunts and uncles, several cousins, and many lifelong friends.

Private family services will be held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Russell Smart online at www.ernashfuneralhome.com.

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

Tribute Wall

AE

“ Ashley E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Smart.

Ashley E. - November 01, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DW

“ Deborah W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Russell Smart.



Deborah W. - September 24, 2025 at 12:12 PM

LP

“ Thinking of you Brad & Kristy!! Russell was full of life and took on challenges making them look easy! Andrew admired and was inspired by Russell's perseverance. Russell will truly be missed!!

Lisa Pollock - September 23, 2025 at 12:01 PM

KS

“ Thinking of you Brad & Kristy and remembering Russell and Shawn wrestling when he came over and the laughs they had. Russell was a true friend to many and it didn't matter if they spoke daily or let months pass by, he was always there and always be.

Kellie Sexton - September 23, 2025 at 08:50 AM

AN

“ Russell impacted so many people throughout his life. He faced every challenge with strength and optimism, reminding all of us what true perseverance looks like. His positivity lifted everyone around him, and his example will continue to inspire me and so many others. You will be missed, Russell.

Anonymous - September 22, 2025 at 11:40 AM

CC

“ Russell was one of a kind. He was funny, witty and kind. He touched my life in many ways. I know that I drove him crazy because I was always afraid he'd get hurt in gym class. Of course he didn't He had tremendous drive n the weight room, his favorite place. He had this look of disappointment he'd give me when I wouldn't turn him loose. He never gave up on himself and self pity wasn't in his vocabulary. RIP Russell. You will be missed

Chris Caviani - September 21, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JE

“ You were always a positive ray of light. You had this drive that was contagious. And I always laughed at your Taco Bell addiction. You will be missed.

Jennifer - September 20, 2025 at 08:35 PM

TB

“ I have very fond memories of Russell. I speak of his perseverance and spirit of adventure. I got such a warmth in my heart when my grandsons were telling me all about their friend Uncle Russell. You are all in my thoughts,prayers,and forever in my heart.



Tami Beaudoin - September 20, 2025 at 07:08 PM



*So sorry for your loss.
May Russell RIP 🙏*

Scott McGuire - September 21, 2025 at 04:04 PM