



Jerry Joe Smith

June 18, 1945 - February 6, 2025

Jerry “Joe” Smith, 79, of Lima, passed away peacefully at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on June 18, 1945, in Allen County, OH, to the late Raymond Harold and Lena A. (Altstaetter) Smith. On June 28, 1964, he married the love of his life, Deanna Lee Miller, who survives. Joe is also survived by two children: Bradley Joe (Mandy) Smith of Lima and Amy Jo (Joyce) Smith of Dublin, OH; grandchildren: Sophie Smith, Grayce Smith (Nikita), Cole (Ally) Hefner, and Carleigh (Logan) Ketcham; and great-grandchildren: Raelynn and Ryleigh Hefner and Lane Ketcham. He is also survived by his brother, Charles Arthur (Donna) Smith of Dunedin, FL; sister-in-law Susan (Jim) Harrod; and numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his siblings: Donald Smith, Shirley Stubbs, Judy Anderson, and Ivalou McDormon. He was also preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Doris Schneider ; father-in-law, Marvin L. Miller; and sister-in-law, Nancy Clark. Joe retired as an electrician from Accubuilt in Lima and was a proud graduate of Waynesfield-Goshen High School. He was a dedicated member of the Harrod Christian Church and a charter member of the Colonial Golfers Club, where he proudly recorded seven holes-in-one. Joe had a passion for golf and attending his granddaughters’ sporting events. He enjoyed gardening and a big bowl of homemade ice cream! Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastors Thomas Tatro and Gary Rummel

officiating. The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, as well as one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harrod Christian Church, 273 Main St., Harrod, OH 45850 or a charity of your choice on Jerry's behalf. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

FEB 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I will always hold deep in my heart the sound and the memory of your dad's laughter, especially that night in New Hampshire after your graduation, Amy. What a wonderful memory of your parents being so happy and laughing so much together . . . love you all.

Liz Cook - February 12, 2025 at 08:28 AM



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

February 12, 2025 at 07:26 AM



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

February 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 11, 2025 at 09:21 AM



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

February 11, 2025 at 09:21 AM

DA

“ *Dave and Sherrie Adams purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.*



Dave and Sherrie Adams - February 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM

BR

“ *Brent, Kristina, Addie & Ava Ross purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.*



Brent, Kristina, Addie & Ava Ross - February 10, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *The Bailey Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.*



The Bailey Family - February 10, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.*



February 10, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LM

“ Love, Andrea, Tracy, Lexi, and Mia purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



Love, Andrea, Tracy, Lexi, and Mia - February 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LM

“ Love, Andrea, Tracy, Lexi, and Mia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Joe Smith.

Love, Andrea, Tracy, Lexi, and Mia - February 10, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM



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

February 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.*



February 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM



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

February 09, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ *Jerry's Joe was a wonderful productive teammate on the football, basketball and track team s. He was an excellent rebounder and defender on our championship basketball team. Our football season totally improved when Jerry Foe was moved to the key position of tailback and-prima ball carrier. Jerry Joe was a great teammate, classmate and friend. My condolences to his family. Guy class of 63*

Guy yale - February 09, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *I will miss Jerry Joe greatly...we were boyhood friends...so enjoyed being one his recipients of almost daily inspiring thoughts and scripture...he always kept us up to date on how many days we had to shop before the upcoming Christmas...my sympathies go out to his family...he will be so missed!*

Lynn McDougale - February 08, 2025 at 01:56 PM

KK

“ Kathy, John, Bret, Brady & Kaylie purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



Kathy, John, Bret, Brady & Kaylie - February 08, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 08, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 08, 2025 at 11:11 AM



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

February 08, 2025 at 11:11 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 08, 2025 at 10:05 AM



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

February 07, 2025 at 09:10 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 07, 2025 at 08:30 PM



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

February 07, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



February 07, 2025 at 05:56 PM



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

February 07, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ Dorvil Patton Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerry Joe Smith.



Dorvil Patton Family - February 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Dorvil Patton Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Joe Smith.

Dorvil Patton Family - February 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM