



Dennis Joseph Smolek

March 19, 1941 - November 6, 2008

Dennis Joseph Smolek, 67, died Thursday, November 6, 2008 at his home in Sharpsburg, GA. He was born March 19, 1941 in La Crosse, Wisconsin to Franklin David Smolek & Juanita Holmes Smolek. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Newnan and United Auto Workers Local #882. Mr. Smolek retired from Ford Motor Co. after 30 years of service.

The funeral mass is Monday, November 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. It will be concelebrated by Father Dan Fleming and Father Austin Fogarty with Deacon Dan Sandlin assisting. The family is receiving friends Sunday afternoon between 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan, GA 30263 with the Rosary following at 6:00 PM in the McKoon Funeral Home Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

In lieu of flowers the family request contributions to the St. Vincent DePaul's Society, St Mary Magdalene Church, 3 Village Road, Newnan, Ga 30265

He is survived by his wife, Jean Erickson Smolek of Sharpsburg, GA; mother, Juanita Holmes Smolek; children, Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Morris of Valparaiso, IN, Dennis M. Smolek of Newnan, GA, Kimberly Heindl of Ft. Myers, FL, Jill Clark of Ft. Myers, FL; siblings, Carolyn Smolek of Cedar Lake, IN, Michael Smolek of Cedar Rapids, IA; ten grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Many family & friends.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
3 Village Road
Newnan, GA 30265

Tribute Wall

RS

“ my name is meghan mcMahon. I am sending this condolence for Ron as he does not have internet access. He wanted me to tell you (jean, kimberly, and jill) that he is sorry for your loss and hopes that everyone is doing O.K.

ronald schlangen - November 12, 2008 at 01:56 PM

TW

“ Jean my prayers are with you and your family . I just found out today an was so sorry i was not there to pay my respect to a very good person .An a person of GOD !! If you need anything else at all please let me know. I love you an will be thinking of you . Love always Theo Whitten

Theo Whitten - November 11, 2008 at 11:03 AM

PD

“ Dearest Kim and Family--- Please know that your name was in the message sent-to the family-but somehow I must have inadvertently deleted a line. I'm so very sorry!!!! Dennis is indeed an angel on all of your shoulders watching out for you. I know that he would have been so very proud of the words that you spoke at his service. Kim-- --You really do your parents proud. You have the quiet, peaceful strength of your mother and I know that your Dad is so grateful that you are there with her now--being her comfort and back-up strength. Bless you!! Love Robert and Pat

Pat and Robert Durie - November 10, 2008 at 04:10 PM

JO

“ *Jill and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad, Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, lots of love Jay and Lori Oldenburg*

Jason and Lori Oldenburg - November 10, 2008 at 01:13 PM

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Jason and Lori Oldenburg - November 10, 2008 at 11:55 AM

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Jason and Lori Oldenburg - November 10, 2008 at 11:11 AM

JC

“ *Jean and Kim, Yesterday I opened the paper and read of Dennis's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and am praying for you and your families. I Love you both very much. Love, Jami (sherer) Capelle*

Jami (sherer) Capelle - November 10, 2008 at 10:01 AM

JC

“ Jean and Kim, Yesterday I opened the paper and read of Dennis's passing. I am so sorry for your loss and am praying for you and your families. I Love you both very much. Love, Jami (sherer) Capelle

Jami (sherer) Capelle - November 10, 2008 at 09:59 AM

BB

“ Dear Jean, We are so sorry for you loss, please know that our prayers are with you & your family at this difficult time. Bob & I are sending hugs across the miles. Bob & Jane Behrendt

Bob & Jane Behrendt - November 10, 2008 at 09:01 AM

PD

“ Dearest Sweet Jean- In Dennys own shared words to me you were "the love of his life, and his best friend'. Robert and I pray that the light of Jesus's love will surround you and your family at this time and that he will give you all a peace which passeth any understanding. We pray that the very angels of the lord will whisper words of encouragement to you should you feel sad, and that they would gently remind you at that time of all the wonderful heavenly gifts that were shared with you when Dennis was in your life. You see to have had a person in your life who loved you all so very much-----just gives you a glimpse of the sweet gifts awaiting us all when we are reunited with those we love. To Jill, Dennis Jr., Betsy, Donovan, Derek, and all of your families---Dennis is an angel on your shoulder--already watching over you all and keeping a close eye on everything. To Mrs. Smolek--You are a delightful sweet lady----Now we understand why Dennis turned out to be such a sweet, loving and warm person. To Emmy-So faithful to lay at Dennis side and to guard her master. To You all----You are in our prayers!!!!
Love, Robert and Pat

Pat and Robert Durie - November 09, 2008 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ Jean: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know this is an very difficult time for you and your family. May your faith give you strength. Deneen McCormick

Deneen McCormick - November 09, 2008 at 08:38 PM

CF

“ I am so sorry Aunt Jean for your loss.....I love and will miss Uncle Denny so much...I know we didn't get to see eachother that much, but you and Uncle Denny have always had and always will have a very special place in my heart.....Our thoughts and prayers are with you...love colett and family

Colett Follmer - November 09, 2008 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ You have my sincerest condolences. I wish I could've known him better. I never really had the pleasure. I wish you all well and hope that you endure this dark period with loving memories.

Michael L Smolek - November 08, 2008 at 09:14 PM

JB

“ Jean and Family, You have our sympathy. We were so sorry to hear of Denny's passing. We will always remember the great times we had at the bowling lanes, the lake, the canoe trips to the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and the Missouri River in Montana. He was a man of good humour and great spirit and will be sorely missed. Our best to you, Jim & Mary Jo Baker

Jim & Mary Jo Baker - November 08, 2008 at 02:35 PM

CA

“ I remember Denny's fun and caring personality. He even amazed us with his pool shots. He had a deep love and devotion for his family. May God comfort you in this difficult time.

carol astorino - November 08, 2008 at 11:58 AM

SS

“ To all of the family and friends of Dennis on behalf of myself and my family I would like to extend our deepest sympathies. Dennis Smolek was my Uncle and my Godfather. I am very glad to have had him in my life. He loved people and treated children with exceptional kindness, myself included. He inspired a love of automobiles and racing (especially the Indy 500) in me as I am sure he did in others including his own children. He had a warm smile and an easy laugh and thinking of him always makes me try a little more for those things in my own life. Just knowing that he was a part of my family and that I could talk to him if I needed gave me great comfort. He was one of the finest men that I knew. I will surely miss him and I will keep him in my heart as I know that all of you will. I pray that he will rest peacefully among the angels. And I pray that God will provide comfort to us all by reminding us of how blessed we are to have had him in our lives.

Skip Struebig - November 08, 2008 at 11:25 AM

TS

“ To Aunt Jean and my cousins, I am so very sorry for your loss. Uncle Denny was a great man, someone who will always stand out in my memories. I love you all very much! Rest In Peace Uncle Denny. I wish I would have been able to know you better, but I am thankful for the time I did get to know you. You were a great, wonderful guy who definately made an impact on my life. I'll miss you and I love you!

Thomas John Smolek - November 07, 2008 at 11:32 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you . I will always remember Denny as the brother-in-law that made life seem so easy. God Bless and be safe. The angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God. Barb Gonda

Barbara (O'Dor, Smolek) Gonda - November 07, 2008 at 08:31 AM

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Barbara (O'Dor, Smolek) Gonda - November 07, 2008 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss and I pray that you and the kids can stay strong and take comfort in knowing that Denny now walks with many family and friends. Rest well big brother, I love you, miss you and you will always be in my heart.

Michael Smolek - November 07, 2008 at 07:44 AM

ME

“ I am so sorry about Dennis. I loved him like a brother and a great friend we had a lot of great times together and i will always remember him.

Melvin - November 07, 2008 at 07:25 AM

MM

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Melvin Mayhall - November 07, 2008 at 07:24 AM