



## Brent R. Smith

August 17, 1967 - March 3, 2017

Smith, Brent R.

Bay City, Michigan

Our loving husband, father, son, brother, and uncle passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 3, 2017. He was born on August 17, 1967, in Saginaw. Brent graduated from Valley Lutheran High School in 1985, and received his associate degree from Delta College in 1990. Brent married Mary B. Atkins on June 24, 1989, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Saginaw. He was currently employed at Covenant Healthcare in property management. Brent's hobbies included traveling with his family, hunting, fishing and taxidermy. He was an avid Red Wings fan and Secretary of the Bay County Republican Party. Brent was an active member of St. John Amelith Lutheran Church.

Surviving besides his wife, Mary, are their three children, Rebecca Elizabeth, Andrew Ramon and Zachery Wawrzyniak; parents, Kent and Janet Smith; sister, Stacy Smith and her children, Nikolas and Amanda Pieknik; brothers-in-law, Norton Atkins Jr., Bill (Linda) Atkins, John Atkins; sisters-in-law, Wendy Jean (Ron) Bocian, Wendy Ann (Rick) Fresorger, and Sue Beagle; Godsons, Charles Glumm, Tim Singer, and Jonathan Fitzpatrick; also many other beloved nephews, nieces, extended family, and very dear friends. Brent was predeceased by his brother, Kent R. Smith II; his grandparents, Allie and

Victoria Wawrzyniak, Pressley and Carol Smith; Vera and Howard Bremer; and parents-in-law, Norton and Margaret Atkins.

The Celebration of Brent's Life will be held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at St. John Amelith Lutheran Church, 1664 Amelith Rd., Bay City, MI. The Rev. Stephen Starke will officiate with burial in St. John Amelith Lutheran Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, on Tuesday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. John Amelith Lutheran Church or toward a college fund for Brent's children. Memories and sympathies of Brent may be shared with the family on his memorial website at [WakemanFuneralHome.com](http://WakemanFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Amelith Lutheran Cemetery

1664 Amelith Road  
Bay City, MI 48706

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.  
1218 N. Michigan Ave.  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 752-8531  
wakemanfh@charter.net

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Amelith Lutheran Church  
1664 Amelith Road  
Bay City, MI 48706

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John Amelith Lutheran Church  
1664 Amelith Road  
Bay City, MI 48706



# Tribute Wall



“ *Brent R. Smith*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Brent R. Smith*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Mary and family please accept my condolences. Though Brent and I have not been in touch for a number of years, I have and will continue to think of my friend. Our experiences together are part of the person I am. We hunted and fished during high school and after. He was the finest sportsman and companion for our adventures. Much of this was with our friend Steve Kall who also left us far too young. The thought of the times the three of us had hunting and fishing brings a smile to my face. These were formative times for me that shaped all the outdoor adventures I have since had. Brent taught me to fly fish on the Rifle River in preparation for the trip we took together to Yellowstone in '84 or '85. We took his Dad's suburban and camped, hiked, backpacked, fished and had a grand time. Brent, I hope where you are the fish are hitting and the hunting is all fair weather...*

*Herb Byers  
Montana City, Montana*

**Herb Byers** - April 30, 2017 at 10:36 PM

JR

“ Mrs. Smith,  
We are very sad to hear about Brent. We dealt with him thru our business for many years and he was a wonderful person. When Jim Price called us and told us we said a pray for you and your family. We are sorry we was not at home to be at the service. Our prays go out to you and the children that the Lord will watch over you.

*Carol & John Ramey*

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**John Ramey** - March 10, 2017 at 02:24 PM

CD

“ Brent always had a smile whenever I would see him which wasn't often in recent years, however, I will always remember him as so friendly and kind. Our hearts go out to Mary and Rebecca, Andrew and Zachary. Our deepest sympathy and prayers that you find comfort with the passing of time.

*Cori Denay, Laurel Begick, Erin Denay*

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**Cori Denay** - March 08, 2017 at 08:05 AM

AN

“ So sorry for your loss Mary & family. Warm hugs and blessings.  
Love Angela, Forrest & Bridger

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**Angela** - March 07, 2017 at 06:46 PM

RK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Every time I had the pleasure of talking to Brent he would always have a smile on his face. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

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**Ron Kalinowski** - March 07, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ I met Mary and Brent in Highschool at Valley. God bless you and your family, Mary and Brent in Heaven. He is now your angel watching out for you and your children from above. Give me a call sometime. Love Ann Marie Middleton

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**Ann Marie Middleton** - March 07, 2017 at 05:19 PM

DO

“ Mary,  
So sorry for the loss of your husband and the father of your children. Praying God holds you and your family close. I am a youth leader at Peace where Nikolas and Amanda attend. May you find hope.  
In Christ,  
Dawn Ohlendorf  
and Leo Ohlendorf

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**Dawn Ohlendorf** - March 07, 2017 at 04:51 PM

JE

“ Mary, Rebecca, Andrew and Zachery, you are being held so closely in the hearts and prayers of your friends and family. I know that the harder times may be in the days, weeks and months from today, when some special event or activity will be a reminder that Brent has gone early to be with the Lord. It will be on those days especially that you can count on me for an extra hug and prayer. As Christians, we know that this is a celebration for Brent. As people hurting, we know this is a hard time to face. But know that you are not facing hurt alone. You have a Lord who also suffered and knows grief. He has promises for you to carry your burdens. Rely on all His good gifts for you as He sends you smiles, hugs and joy from others who will surround you at this time. Have peace in knowing your faith and Brent's is totally secure and for him, now fulfilled.

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**Jen Enge** - March 07, 2017 at 12:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brent R. Smith.*



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March 07, 2017 at 10:59 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Had the pleasure of knowing him thru school and church. Sending thoughts and prayers.*

*Tonja and Terry Ellis  
Jenni and Caleb*

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**Tonja Ellis** - March 07, 2017 at 09:55 AM



“ *I am so sorry from the bottom of my heart Mary. He was a great person. Mckenzie and Hunter send there love to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Let me know if you need anything.*

*Sincerely,  
Tracy McCarty  
McKenzie Lee  
Hunter Lee*

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**Tracy McCarty** - March 07, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Brent R. Smith.*



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March 06, 2017 at 11:16 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mary and children you are in my prayers. I pray your strong faith gives you comfort at this difficult time. I feel so honored to have known Brent. He was a very special man and I am so grateful for the wonderful friend he was to Mark for so many years even when distance kept them apart. Hold on to your treasured memories of your life with Brent and may God hold you in his tender care.*

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**Kim Ruesch** - March 06, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ *Praying for the Smith family and the Lord's strength to sustain you during this difficult time. Brent was a very good man and loved his family so much. He always shared funny stories and he was so proud of all of you. Anyone that knew him knew that his family was everything to him. We will miss him greatly at Covenant, love and peace to your precious family.*

*Jackie Tinnin*

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**Jackie Tinnin** - March 06, 2017 at 06:21 PM

TC

“ Troy Courtyard purchased the Beautiful Heart Bo  
uquet for the family of Brent R. Smith.



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**Troy Courtyard** - March 06, 2017 at 03:02 PM

RC

“ Condolences to all of Brent's family . Always enjoyed speaking with  
Brent about Valley Lutheran High School baseball and always got a  
laugh with his quick witty humor .

*Rick Collazo*

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**Rick Collazo** - March 06, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Brent R. Smith.



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March 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM

RR

“ The Family of Lorraine Rousseau send Sympathy to the Kent Smith  
Family

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**Randy Rousseau** - March 06, 2017 at 11:21 AM

Joe  
Johnson

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will remember Brent as a friendly guy who made me laugh. I will miss him.

Joe Johnson - March 06, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ So sorry for your loss and I am praying for you I knew him from Covenant HealthCare I am a volunteer there he will be missed at Covenant



Scott Sayers - March 06, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Brent R. Smith.



March 06, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ Prayers to your family, so sorry for your loss. I remember Brent as a very kind person.  
Ann (Ellsworth) Raske

Ann Raske - March 06, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to Mary, Rebecca, Andrew, Zachery and all of Brent's family. Brent was a fine man. It was a privilege to be his colleague and an honor to be his friend.

*Mick Enright*

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**Mick Enright** - March 06, 2017 at 08:59 AM

BN

“ Everyone will miss you however they had contact, worker, friend, or business. I know you enjoyed life and had some wonderful people to share it with. You have the faith of Christ that was always a important point in your life.. so your seat is saved, your Victory is won. Let's get together and share our journeys.... on of these days.... see you Brent

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**Bob Nussear** - March 06, 2017 at 08:58 AM

DA

“ We send our deepest condolences to Brent's family. We pray that you will find comfort in your memories of Brent and with the knowledge that you will one day all be reunited together in heaven!

*David, Cathy & Marleen Alexander*

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**Dave Alexander** - March 06, 2017 at 08:56 AM

DK

“ I'll never forget the time you gutshot that buck and we had to covertly head a half mile into the neighbors property to retrieve your deer as it's starting us both down standing there. That's as far as I'll go. The rest is between you and me buddy. I'll miss you. Thanks for the head mounts, I'll cherish those for a lifetime.

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**dan krauseneck** - March 06, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brent R. Smith.*



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March 06, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ *The Faculty and Staff of St. John Amelith purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Brent R. Smith.*



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**The Faculty and Staff of St. John Amelith** - March 06, 2017 at 08:39 AM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Matt, Jenny & Sydney Princing*

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**Matt Princing** - March 06, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss, my prayers for your family, I often ate lunch with a group of people including Brent, he often spoke of his family and I admired his Love for all of them he was a wonderful person who a lot of co workers admired! God Bless you all!*

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**maryjo kreager** - March 06, 2017 at 08:05 AM

MZ

“ *Michelle Ziemer lit a candle in memory of Brent R. Smith*



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**Michelle Ziemer** - March 06, 2017 at 07:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brent R. Smith.*



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March 05, 2017 at 05:13 PM