



Harold (Hal) R. Smith

March 5, 1938 - January 10, 2024

Harold (Hal) R. Smith
Freeland, Michigan

Hal passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at Stone Crest Assisted Living in Freeland, MI. He was 85 years old. Harold R. Smith was born on March 5, 1938, in Newton, Kansas, to the late J. Harold and Mildred (Risdon) Smith. He was married to Vicki (Tessman) Smith on April 25, 1992, in Saginaw, and she survives him. He is also survived by their son, Jerrod (Natalee) Clement and grandson Thomas; his brother, Lynn Smith; his sister, Amy Smith and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Prior to his retirement, Hal was the director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Saginaw and Bay City for over 30 years. He loved playing trombone in numerous bands around Michigan, Renaissance Jazz Band, Touch of Brass Quintet, Just Trombones, and Frankentrost Band. Hal was also quite the car enthusiast, participating in several car shows in the area.

In accordance with Hal's wishes, cremation and a private memorial service have taken place. Those wishing to express their memories and sympathies of Hal may share them on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Vicki: Hal was the initial trombonist when the New Reformation Dixieland Jazz Band was formed in 1970 and is featured on some of our recordings. He was always a welcome addition to the NRB. I was dining at the Riverside Restaurant in Freeland a week ago when another patron recognized me and informed me of Hal's passing. I sympathize with your loss as will numerous jazz fans in the area. Please let me know if I can assist in any way. -Dave Oppermann (989-274-0041). PO Box 1922, Saginaw MI 48605

David W. Oppermann - January 24, 2024 at 12:12 PM

BL

“ Hal will surely be missed I know I appreciated him as a person and a friend, as well as Trombone man in our Gospel group at church. Rest in Heaven Hal all who knew you miss you.

Bob LaDuke - January 22, 2024 at 08:24 AM

JG

“ Vicki, I am so sad for you. My wish for you is that you can think of the many memories you shared to help dull the pain.

Jenny Gaus - January 15, 2024 at 05:55 PM

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“ Vicki our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your beloved husband Hall remembering him and his music he loved to play always ready to help out when needed we have lost a great friend REST IN PEACE HALL until we see you on the other side 🙏



Al and Carol Gonzalez - January 14, 2024 at 06:45 PM

KD

From Karen Daly, Sending prayers, Hal was a wonderful man and was always ready to help. He was a great musician and all around great guy.. He will be missed.

Karen Daly - January 14, 2024 at 08:33 PM