



## Thomas R. Smith

March 27, 1952 - December 9, 2011

Thomas R. Smith, 59, of Watervliet, passed away Friday, December 09, 2011, at his residence in Watervliet.

Funeral Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Friday, December 16, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 249 E. Center St., in Coloma. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Watervliet. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at 11 AM on Friday at the Davidson Chapel. Memorials may be made to the family.

Tom was born March 27, 1952, in Monette, AR to Ray and Macanazada Smith. He married his wife, Lilly Vales on May 31, 1986 and she preceded him in death on July 27, 2009. Tom was a retired die-cast machine operator. He and his wife enjoyed traveling within the U.S. More recently, he enjoyed the group activities at the Waterford Apartments, walking everyday, watching the sunsets at the beach and loved his grandchildren. Tom was a loving, caring individual who always put others before him

He is survived by his daughters, Tiffany (Mark) Whelan of Watervliet, Linda (Jack Copeland) Huff of Watervliet, and Karen (Rusty) Grubb of Berrien Springs; granddaughters, Josephine Whelan, Danielle & Miranda Huff, and Ashley & Sonny Grubb; great-granddaughter, Delilah; his brothers, Jimmy, Rodney, Jerry, Gene, Lee, and Larry and his sisters, Mary, Rachel, Francine,

Angie, Tina, and Patricia.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Watervliet Twp., on Red Arrow Hwy., N. side,  
2 mi. E. of M-140.  
Watervliet, MI 49098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
249 East Center Street  
Coloma, MI 49038  
(269) 468-3181  
staff@florin.net

## Service

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We met Tom in the mid-90s. Did work for my father in Watervliet and he and I (and my husband) became friends. We would joke that he was my "big brother", even tho' I was a little older than he was. Enjoyed so much then getting to know Lilly. Tom helped me with things after my Dad passed away and was always there....we had great phone conversations. We had a special friendship. I tried to help him with the government to assist with what he did for Lilly by hiring a lawyer.....turned out that wasn't necessary.

*I remember how thrilled he was with your daughter, Tiffany. He'd talk about her all the time and tell me about you.*

*We just received a Christmas card from him a little over a week ago. I couldn't believe it when I got my Tri-City Record and read this. I would have been there had I known before today.*

*He was just the best. My heart is broken. You have lost one special individual and I hope all of you recognize that.*

*You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Pam Krall Leonard*

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**Pam Krall Leonard** - December 19, 2011 at 05:50 PM

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“ Terrell J Holling lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Smith



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**Terrell J Holling** - December 14, 2011 at 12:46 PM