



## William "Bill" Smith

March 26, 1930 - July 22, 2005

William Smith

75, of Yale, died Friday afternoon July 22, 2005 at McKenzie Hospital, Sandusky of an apparent heart attack. He has been ill for several months. He was born March 26, 1930 in Mt. Clemens the son of the former Russell V. and Idella Walker Smith. "Bill" is a 1949 graduate of Yale High School. On May 14, 1948 in Yale Bill and Jean L. Putney were married. They owned and operated the former Smith Implement Company in Sandusky until retirement in 1991. Jean died May 28, 1998.

Bill was a longtime dairy farmer and received the "Farm Manager of the Year" award in 1970 from Michigan State University. He is a past board member of Sanilac County Fair Board.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, William L. And MaryLou Smith, James and Mary Smith and Timothy and Dawn Smith all of Yale and daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dwight Bartle of Brown City; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; his sister Charlotte Disch of Florida and a niece.

His family honors the memory of Bill and invite you to visit and share Sunday 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale, and attend funeral services 11:00 a.m. Monday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. René Wilson, pastoral minister, Yale, will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Yale. His grandchildren will be pallbearers.

Memorials are suggested to Sanilac County Fair Board.

For information and Guest book [kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale  
10 S. Main Street  
Yale, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Terry Disch##imported-end##

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“ You are deeply loved and will be missed very much. But now you are free and can rejoin Aunt Jean. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With all our love. Charlotte, Charlene, Brian, Kenneth, Charlotte Jean, and Thomas##imported-begin##Charlotte Disch, Charlene Caudill and family##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry about the loss of your father and brother. We met Bill when he was a resident of Longivity as our father, Gene Knight, is there. Bill was always so pleasant and loved to talk about his farm and his Implement Company and about how his children were working the farm now. When he wore his tractor shirt, we could get him talking about his love for tractors. He also told us when we came back from Florida about time he spent there; he was always glad to look at our pictures. We will miss him! However we feel sure that he had the best of care at Longivity.##imported-begin##Ray and Kay Cutler##imported-end##

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