



Calvin R. Smieja

April 8, 1948 - November 9, 2020

Calvin R. Smieja, 72 year old resident of Royalton, MN passed away Monday, November 9, 2020 in Royalton, MN. The memorial service for Calvin will be postponed until further notice. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Calvin Roman Smieja was born on April 8, 1948 in Little Falls, MN to the late Roman and Ermalinda Smieja. Cal grew up in Royalton and graduated from Royalton High School. After graduation, he sailed the Great Lakes on an ore boat. Then he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany. He married Susan Herold in 1973 and they raised four sons. Cal worked as a cement finisher until 1983 when they purchased Royal Oil, a gas and bait shop in Royalton. After the sale of Royal Oil in 1998, Cal retired, became a handyman, and finished many projects until his death. He was a member of the Royalton Gun Club (Kitchi Lake) and Royalton American Legion.

Cal loved fishing Kitchi Lake, deer hunting Horseshoe Island, pontooning on the Mississippi River, and spending time at Hapacasu cabin. Cal was a “Jack of all trades”. He repaired many cars, remodeled his kid’s homes, and worked on many projects in his garage. Cal had a big heart when it came to helping others and never expected anything in return. He also loved spending time with his 11 grandchildren. Cal will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Cal is survived by his wife, Susan; sons, Nathan (Leyla), Wade (Melissa), Adam (Katie), and Isaac (Erin). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Khalil, Mateis, Niya, Ajay, Ian, Wyatt, Jackson, Addison, Josephine, Ariana, and Beckett; sisters, Donna Mae Smieja and Marcia (Michael) Blum; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roman and Ermalinda (Kranz) Smieja, and his infant brother Duane.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Royalton, MN

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 13, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Calvin R. Smieja*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sympathy to the Smieja family. Always enjoyed chatting with Cal at the parts store.*

Rena Schneider - November 18, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Tom Kathy Mrozek lit a candle in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Tom Kathy Mrozek - November 16, 2020 at 07:24 PM

EM

“ Dear Sue, your sons and their families,
You have our heartfelt sympathy as you mourn the sudden passing of Cal, your husband, father and grandfather. May God bless you with many good memories of times spent with him, and with these memories, may you be comforted in knowing that love ives on. God's peace be with you all. Sincerely, Earl and Gayle Mathison

Earl Mathison - November 15, 2020 at 10:33 PM

HP

“ Sue and the family...what a loss. Cal was a great leader for your family, and I know he'll be missed. What a great example of a husband and father for his sons to follow. God bless you in this journey.💖

Helen Pfeffer - November 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ 66 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 13, 2020 at 11:51 AM

CM

“ *In our thoughts and prayers Sue and family.*

Cliff and Shirley Meyer

Cliff Meyer - November 13, 2020 at 08:55 AM

CA

“ *Cal was one of my favorite classmates! I know he will be missed. My condolences.*

Cathy Adamek - November 11, 2020 at 09:10 PM

SG

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss Susan and family. Prayers to the family.*

Susanna Gorecki - November 11, 2020 at 04:49 PM

DJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy Sue and family.*



Don & Lorraine Janski - November 11, 2020 at 04:45 PM

RM

“ *Rick & Judy Meyer sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Rick & Judy Meyer - November 11, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Calvin R. Smieja.*



November 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ *Thought and prayers to Sue and family. Cal was an awesome person and will be greatly missed.*

Joyce Kaiser LaFond - November 10, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ *Prayers to the family. Will miss seeing him on the river and sand bar*



Jean and Bob Weis-Clough - November 10, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sue and family, may the good Lord give you strength and comfort now and forever. My heart hurts for all. God Bless.*

rozanne sobania - November 10, 2020 at 10:47 PM

AY

“ *Andy and Amber Yourczek*



amber yourczek - November 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DE

“ *Denise And Ernie sent a virtual gift in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Denise and Ernie - November 10, 2020 at 10:29 PM

DE

Sue our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. May you rest in peace Cal.

Denise and Ernie - November 10, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DT

Isaac, my sincere condolences! Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time. May the memories of your father bring you peace!

Deanna L Taylor - November 11, 2020 at 11:42 AM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille - November 10, 2020 at 10:21 PM

DA

“ *Darlene lit a candle in memory of Calvin R. Smieja*



Darlene - November 10, 2020 at 08:43 PM

CG

“ *Our Sincere SYMPATHY to you Sue and your sons, may he rest in peace, we will keep you all in prayer
Tony, Barb, Connie Gangl*



Connie Gangl - November 10, 2020 at 07:17 PM

TF

May the Lord be with you Sue and Family, may you all find peace. Cal was a terrific man, he will be missed. Rest in Peace Cal.

Tim & Scarlett Feiler Family - November 10, 2020 at 07:48 PM

DA

*Sue, so sorry for your loss. God Bless you and your family.
Darlene and Roger*

Darlene - November 10, 2020 at 08:45 PM

TR

Hugs and prayers Smieja family! Your dad was a great man!

Tessa Radziej - November 11, 2020 at 06:50 AM

KH

Very sorry for your loss, embrace the memories of him often

Kenny Herold and Julie Herold - November 11, 2020 at 10:27 AM

GW

I'm so sorry to hear of Calvin's passing. I'll always remember Media's wedding. Also his generosity. So sorry!

Gwen. - November 11, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JS

So sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences to the Smieja family.

JEROME SAUER - November 12, 2020 at 09:01 PM

CE

*Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire Smieja Family, So sorry for Your Loss... "Cal"will be greatly Missed ... God Bless ****

Chuck & Elke - November 12, 2020 at 09:23 PM



Sue and Family, so sorry to hear about Cal. You are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss! Myron & Deb Ertl

Deb Ertl - November 16, 2020 at 10:54 AM