



Dale Smith

October 15, 1965 - December 8, 2025

Dale Smith, 60, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away Monday, December 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at home. Dale was born in Carthage on October 15, 1965, to Donald and Ella Mae (Reynolds) Smith. He graduated from Carthage High School, Class of 1984. He retired as head custodian of Columbian Elementary in 2021 after 26 years with Carthage R9 Schools. Dale was an amazing handy man that loved tinkering with things. He loved working with his hands and built anything Jen would ask him to make. He enjoyed hunting through flea markets and being silly with his family. Dale loved collecting watches, making hiking sticks, and taking care of his land. He wasn't much of a sports fan but he loved his Chiefs! Dale had a quick wit and his dad jokes never disappointed. He was a founding member of Servant's Church in Webb City, Missouri. Dale loved his God, his kids, and his wife. Dale was united in marriage to his best friend and love of his life, Jennifer (Thorn), on April 27, 1996, in Carthage.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer, of 29 years; son, Ethan Smith and wife, Ana; daughter, Enessa Smith; his mother, Ella Mae Smith; and two brothers, Donald Smith, Jr. and wife, Angie, and David Smith and wife, Melissa.

A service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Servant's Church, 17811 Old 66 Blvd. in Carthage, Missouri.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Servants Church
17811 Old 66 Blvd.
Carthage, MO 64836

For more information about Servants Church, please call (417)680-8040.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dale was an amazing person and a true friend. His presence brought warmth, kindness, and encouragement to everyone blessed to know him. I deeply regret the moments I missed with him here on earth, yet I am grateful for the time we shared.

Dale's legacy lives on in the way he cared for others—always putting people first, always offering compassion, and always inspiring those around him to do the same. He reminded us, through his actions, that life is best lived when we lift one another up.

Thank you, Dale, for being such an inspiration to me. Your example continues to guide us, and your memory will forever remain a light in our lives.

Scott Fairlie - December 13, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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“ Roger and I are praying comfort for all of Dale's family and friends.



Catherine Hibdon - December 13, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Dale at the Carthage Schools for a while. He was such a special person and always talked of his family. I pray for peace during this time for your family.
Tracy Boyd

DinkandTracy Boyd - December 12, 2025 at 09:05 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. He was a kind person who will be missed. Sending prayers of comfort and peace to family. Dick and Michelle Brust

Dickandmichelle@hotmail.com - December 11, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ Keeping your family in my thoughts during this heartbreaking time. Wishing you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

Chasie Stearnes - December 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ The Bible tells us, To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We rejoice that you are now experiencing the fullness of your faith. You were truly one of the kindest men I have had the pleasure of knowing. Jessi will never forget all the chocolate chip pancakes you made her and I'll never forget all the meals we shared. Your love for Jennifer showed on your face everytime I saw you two together. You were a great husband, a great dad, and a great friend. You will be missed Dalifer.



Ashley Hill - December 10, 2025 at 10:48 PM

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One of the sweetest men I have ever meant. We loved Dale and will greatly miss him. Love you Jen and lift you up in prayer. We are here for you ❤️

Linda Dick Bogart - December 11, 2025 at 01:40 PM