Stephen Robert Smith

(May 13, 1960 - January 28, 2013) Stephen R. Smith, 52, of Caseville, died suddenly Monday, January 28, 2013 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon.

Stephen was born May 13, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan. Stephen was the son of Patricia (Buchalski) Smith and the late Robert T. Smith. The Smith family moved to Caseville when Steve was in the third grade. He attended the Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Schools graduating in 1978 with a scholar/athlete award. He went on to get his bachelor's degree in construction management from Michigan State University.

Steve was an avid sportsman having been a participant in four high school sports. His favorite and most accomplished sport was basketball. Stephen also loved his boat and spent many a summer evening fishing for walleye and perch.

Steve began his career path at the age of 14 when he started working with his father's construction company on a part time basis. He was a talented cabinet maker and designer. He moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 2006 where he and his brother, Jeff, and sister-in-law Marcy started a wood products manufacturing plant. When he could no longer work in his business or enjoy his hobbies of woodworking or fishing due to his muscle disease, he moved back to Caseville in April of 2012, in the care of his parents.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert T. Smith in June 2012. Stephen is survived by his mother Patricia, brothers Kris of Boston, Jeff (Marcy), and sister Robyn, both of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; nieces Kailey and Bekka Smith of Wisconsin. He also had numerous aunts, uncles and cousins located all around the country and state. Stephen's warmth, sense of humor, his love of people, and acceptance of his handicap defined him and he will be greatly missed.

A funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM Saturday, February 2, 2013 at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville, with Father Robert Pare presiding. Visitation will be 4-8 pm Friday at the Champagne