



Richard Paul Smolen

July 9, 1942 - February 20, 2026

Richard P. Smolen, of Eastpointe, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2026 at the age of 83. He was born on July 9, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to Stanley and Ruth (nee Selke) Smolen.

Rick was a proud United States Army Veteran. He was a member and past Officer of AMVETS Post 27.

Rick and his wife, Janice were longtime members of St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe.

Rick was always looking out for others. He was the neighborhood handyman and a "Silent Blessing" to so many. He truly just had a heart of gold to help those who needed it. Above all, Rick's true love was his family. Spending time with his family gave him his greatest pleasure in life. He will truly be missed, but his memory will live on in all those who knew and loved him.

Rick is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 45 years, Janice. Loving father of James. Dear brother of Raymond and the late Robert (Deborah). Brother in law of Edward (the late Sandra) McGinty and Cathy (the late Gerald) Muysenberg. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends will gather on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 9 a.m. until the time of his Funeral Mass 10 a.m. at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 21440 Universal Ave. (corner of Toepfer) Eastpointe. Interment will be in Christian Memorial Gardens West Cemetery in Rochester Hills.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Richard may be addressed to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>

Cemetery Details

Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 East Hamlin Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Previous Events

Instate in church

FEB 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Veronica Catholic Church
21440 Universal Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Paul Smolen.*



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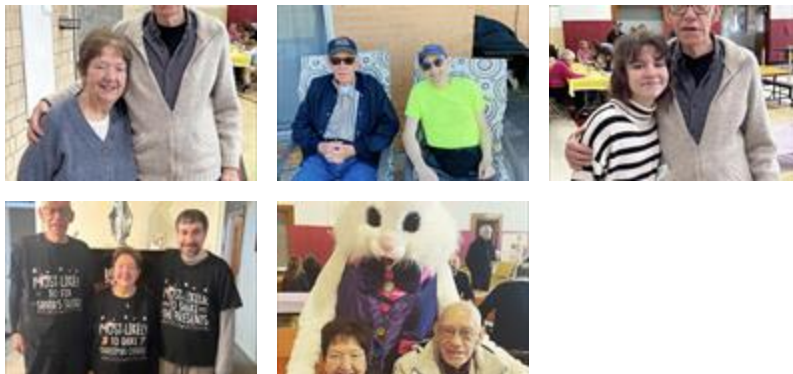


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Paul Smolen.

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“ *Beautiful memories of a life well lived. ❤️ He was always busy making even more memories than can be captured in a photograph.*



Amy Busquaert - February 24 at 07:56 AM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Stacy Javenkoski - February 21 at 07:18 PM

BB

MR RICK AND MISS JAN HAVE BEEN LOVELY CARING PEOPLE, I HAVE KNOWN THEM FOR YEARS I TRULY LOVE THEM. LOOKOUT FOR MY CHRISSY, PLEASE MR RICK

BETTY BREEMER - February 22 at 03:30 PM

PE

“ *What a great guy he was. Always so sweet and a pure gentleman. I always enjoyed his company and conversation. And let me say Aunt Jan and Uncle Rick made for the cutest couple. I am so sorry for his passing. He will be missed.*



Penelope - February 21 at 04:47 PM

NJ

“ Uncle Ric was always there quietly soaking it all in. He always loved tinkering and was the 1st one to offer help with a project. He had an appreciation for good food and dessert ❤️. One of my favorite memories with the Smolen Family is our yearly outing to cut down our Christmas tree! Uncle Ric was loved by all and will be missed by so many.



Nicole Jacobson - February 21 at 03:20 PM



“ Uncle Ric was always there taking it all in. He loved to eat and was a proud veteran. He will be missed.



Stacy Javenkoski - February 21 at 03:09 PM

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YES, HE WAS.AND I WILLMISS HIM A LOT.

BETTY BREEMER - February 22 at 03:34 PM