



## Gerard Joseph Smith

November 1, 1948 - June 3, 2021

Gerard J. "Gerry" Smith passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, June 3rd at the home of his daughter in Canton at the age of 72. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Stephanie. He was the loving father to Jennifer (Chad) Rider and Julianne (Steven) Thomas and the proud Papa to Jacob Rider, Teagan Rider, Abigail Rider, Grace Thomas and Ella Thomas.

Gerry was born in Dearborn, Michigan on November 1, 1948 to Harold J. Smith and Evelyn P. (DeCormier) Smith. His parents and brother Richard H. Smith preceded him in death. He is survived by one brother, Bernard J. (Christin) Smith.

Gerry entered the U.S. Navy in August of 1967 and was honorably discharged in August of 1973. He made a number of WestPac cruises to Vietnam on the USS John R. Craig during the Vietnam War. After leaving the service he was employed at Burroughs in Plymouth, Michigan for 8 years and then he was employed at General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights, Michigan for 35 years as an Electronics Technician.

A private Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church, 555 South Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188. Burial to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice or to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation ( [t2t.org](http://t2t.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## **Great Lakes National Cemetery**

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall



“ Gerard Joseph Smith

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