



## John Smoot

April 30, 1940 - July 4, 2018

John Richard Smoot, Honor, 78, died July 4, 2018.

He was a graduate of Mt. Clemens High School and Cornell College where he played football for both schools. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College and a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

John worked a time for the Macomb County Sheriff Department. John was an educator at heart. He was kind and soft-spoken and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem. He started his teaching career at Clinton Dale Schools and later taught at Crestwood School District in Dearborn, MI where he retired. He moved near Bear Lake, MI where he owned the IGA Store.

John was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying hunting and fishing. He also taught hunter education courses with the Michigan DNR.

He will be remembered by his family and friends for his devotion to his family, his sense of humor, his competitive spirit and love of games, his unyielding faith, his unwavering determination in the face of physical difficulties, and his unmatched kindness and love for others. He will be sincerely missed by all who had the pleasure of crossing his path.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; son David Smoot and daughter in law Barbara Smoot; granddaughter Andrea (Nick) Cassell; great grandchildren Keller and Willa Cassell; aunt Ann Bakies; cousins Mary Ann (Karabines) Richmond, Mickey and Linda Karabines, John and Sheri Wojslaw, Bill and Mary Bakies, Stephen Bakies, Marsha (Wojslaw) Maculin and Pete, Barbara (Karabines) Burwick, Robert (Barb) Osterling and Dana Traub.

Funeral will be held at 12:00 PM Thursday July 12 at Eden Bible Church with Pastor Caleb Simerson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial in Platte Twp Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to the church. Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Benzonia.