



Curtis Eudean Smith

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Curtis Eudean Smith left his wheelchair and his earthly home and went Home to be with Jesus September 14, 2023 at the age of 77.

Curtis was born May 28, 1946 in Appanoose County, Iowa, the first of five children born to Harold V. and Mabel G. (Bryant) Smith. At the age of about 16 months, he was hospitalized with an uncontrollable high fever and developed cerebral palsy as a result of the illness.

He spent his early childhood years on the family farm south of Seymour, riding his tricycle and observing his father's farming operation. As he grew, he rode an adult tricycle made by his father, all around the farm. He developed a lifetime love of tractors as he watched his father work.

There were no special education classes in public school at that time, so at the age of 7, Curtis attended a hospital school in Iowa City and later transferred to Glenwood State Hospital School. He came home for holidays and summers where he spent most of his time outdoors on his tricycle.

Because of Curtis, his parents banded with others and helped organize the Wayne County Association for Retarded Children to help Curtis and other children in the county who were mentally handicapped.

When Curtis completed his education, he lived for a while at Lakeview Manor in Glenwood, and then several years at the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella. In 1994 Curtis was able to move closer to home when the New Venture Group Home was built in Corydon. He began working at New Focus in Centerville where he packaged items for local factories.

He was a diligent worker and always completed his goals. He later moved to Centerville to Zylpha Price House where he continued to enjoy the workshop at New Focus and also the many wonderful activities and opportunities that Centerville Community Betterment had to offer.



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He enjoyed wonderful trips with his friends to Branson and St. Louis. He enjoyed attending the adult daycare which he attended regularly after his retirement from New Focus in 2004. He loved bowling, making crafts, shopping, going to church, going to the movies, watching T.V., eating, and spending time with his friends and family.

With the help of the staff of Zylpha Price House, he visited his family regularly. He loved to watch the great nieces and nephews at play and looking at family photos.

In 2017, Curtis moved to Centerville Specialty Care where he quickly made new friends and continued to enjoy his life. He really enjoyed all the activities and the care center staff who so kindly and lovingly assisted him in the last chapter of his earthly life. Curtis was a loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. He seemed always happy and smiling. He always strived to do the best that he could do and make the best of every situation.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents Earl and Amy Smith and Reo and Bessie Bryant, infant sister Shelly Janine Smith, brother Terry Wayne Smith, brother-in-law Dennis Dean Tuttle, and nephew, Joseph Wayne Smith. He is survived by his sisters Elaina Tuttle of rural Corydon and Wendy and husband Rich Choponis of Seymour; nieces Tracy (Teddy) Clark, Deanna (Gene) Parham, Kristi (Larry) Hornaday, Heather (Devon) Sharp, Tammy (Matt) Lavery, and Angela Smith, nephew Jeffrey (Krista) Tuttle, 8 great nieces, 10 great nephews, 1 great great niece, 1 great great nephew and several aunts, uncles, many cousins, and many friends. Memorials may be given to Centerville Community Betterment and can be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home ATTN: Curtis Smith Family; 303 E. Jefferson St. P.O. Box 294, Corydon, Iowa, 50060. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com.



Tribute Wall

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MC

Marlene Carlyle posted:

So sorry! Sending our sincere condolences to all his family

September 18 at 7:00 PM

MC

Mark Cochran posted:

My deepest sympathy on the loss of Curtis.

September 16 at 7:00 PM

CM

Craig Bonnie And Echo Mcmurry lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

We are so sorry to hear You are all in our prayers and thoughts

September 15 at 7:00 PM



ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Curtis.

September 15 at 7:00 PM



JC

Jerry 'N' Tammy Clark posted:

Very sorry to hear this for your family!! You all are in our thoughts!!!

September 15 at 7:00 PM

MT

Mercedes Thomas posted:

Curtis had the best smile with a sparkle in his eyes, and loved to laugh. It was my favorite part of working with him to get him laughing. Taking him to car shows, parades, and tractor shows were always a highlight of our times spent together. I know he is finally enjoying all things he wasn't able to. My condolences. ❤️

September 14 at 7:00 PM



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KA

Kathy Ayres posted:

Prayers and condolences to family and friends

September 14 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends

September 14 at 7:00 PM

LL

Lori Lunsford posted:

Prayers for the family.

September 14 at 7:00 PM

KH

Karen Smith-Hughes posted:

So sorry for your loss

September 14 at 7:00 PM

MC

Margaret Shepard Coffey posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Loved caring for Curtis at ccb

September 14 at 7:00 PM

RB

Robert D Broshar posted:

Condolences to the family

September 14 at 7:00 PM

MB

Mary K Bennett posted:

So very sorry for your loss Elaina and family.

September 14 at 7:00 PM



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JE

Julie Eckles posted:

So sorry for the families loss. Curtis always had a smile on his face. I will keep all the family in my thoughts and prayers.

September 14 at 7:00 PM

LB

Linda Ballanger posted:

Elaina, Wendy and family, I am sorry for your loss. You have been such good sisters to him. God bless you abundantly. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

September 14 at 7:00 PM

PD

Patricia Devore posted:

So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers to his family

September 14 at 7:00 PM

DD

Donnie N Joyce Davis posted:

So sorry for your family's loss. Love, hugs and prayers to all of you. ❤️👤

September 14 at 7:00 PM

PS

Penny Sharp posted:



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CW

Cindee Paas White posted:

Rest peacefully Curtis.

September 14 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Curtis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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