

## **Ezra Smith**

## East Alton | Sunday, July 8 2018

Ezra 'Jack' Smith, 81, passed away 5:25 am, Sunday, July 8, 2018 at his residence.

Born in Cave-in-Rock on January 11, 1937, he was the son of Walter Smith and Reba (Drisske) Hastings.

A mechanic for Beiermann Automotive before retiring. He enjoyed being in the outdoors and was an avid NASCAR fan.

On February 26, 1993 in Edwardsville, he married Rose Hellemeyer. She survives.



Surviving also are a son, Brian Jack Smith of East Alton; step-son, James Allen, Jr. of East Alton; step-daughters, Robin (Tim) Hardwick of Pawnee, Susan Hoskins of Lisle, Deana (Keith) Schenk of Springfield; 17 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two brothers, Buddy Hastings of Eddyville, KY, Edward Hastings of Milton, KY; three sisters, Inez Blaine of Pocahontas, AR, Lillie Chandler of Kuttwa, KY, Della Ray Imes in Illinois; several nieces, nephews and friends.

His parents, twin daughters, Jackquline and Jennifer; brother Frank Smith; and sisters, Lila Rae, Laura Smith and Ann Hastings preceded in death.

Visitation will be from 4-7 pm, Wednesday at Marks Mortuary in Wood River where services will be conducted at 10 am Thursday. Pastor Lynn Spicer will officiate.

Burial will follow in Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorial may be made to BJC Hospice.