

Chris Morris Smith

April 5, 1949 – November 18, 2026

Chris Morris Smith was born in Payson, UT on April 5, 1949 to Carl Clive Smith and Norma Jean Dunn Smith Anderson. Chris was the middle child of six children with four brothers and one sister. He grew up in Utah County and Tooele County.

Chris worked as a custodian for the Tooele County School District and also for the Union Pacific Railroad, Rail Yard in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also worked various construction jobs when his children were young. In later years, Chris built and repaired computers out of his own home. He raised Matt, Toni, and Mike as a single father and he always did the very best he could for them.

In recent years Chris was able to reconnect with his first love, Colleen Grover. He was able to spend many wonderful months with her and through his new-found relationship with her, the family was able to meet and bond with our oldest brother, Stacy Sylvester. We will forever be grateful for this opportunity for our family to continue to grow.

Chris was known to anyone and everyone who knew him as a great storyteller. He had a fun sense of humor, and the stories just got better each time he told them. He loved to talk about his past, his family, and his friends. He also had a keen interest in computers and learned all about them, inside and out. He was able to fix any computer you brought to him, and he loved to tell you all about it. His other hobbies included taking pictures, watching horror movies, building model trains, and playing flight simulator games where he could be the pilot. He loved flying World War I and II fighter planes all over the world. In the rest of his spare time, he enjoyed flying remote control helicopters and his drone through the streets of the neighborhoods. He had a love for cool cars and trucks, and in his younger days he owned a 1958 Plymouth. He passed his love of cars and trucks on to his son, Mike.

Chris was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and he loved the Lord and he loved Jesus Christ. One of his favorite pastimes was to have a good conversation about the church and its activities with anyone who would listen, learn, and chose to banter back and forth with him.

Chris had a giant sweet tooth. He especially loved a really good strawberry milkshake with bits of real strawberry in it. He also loved M&M's, Snickers candy bars, and he always had a big bag of Redvines with the red and black bitesize licorice pieces in it. He also loved his coffee.

Chris truly loved the little children, and his grandchildren and great grandchildren were a delightful presence in his life. He loved to make them smile and laugh, tell them stories, and share his treats with them. He could hardly wait until they were old enough to teach them to fly the airplanes on his flight simulator games. Two grandsons' mentioned that they imagine him flying around Heaven right now with Jesus as his copilot, and that is easy to believe.

Chris has left behind an amazing, and very beautiful legacy in the huge family he helped to create and he will always be remembered, sorely missed, and greatly loved by all of us who remain.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Carl Clive Smith, his stepmother, Elaine Smith, his mother, Norma Jean Dunn Smith Anderson, his stepfather, Robert (Andy) Anderson, his brother, Stanley Carl Smith, his sister, Norma Jean (Jeanie) Anderson, his foster sister, Linda Diane Mair Powell, and his grandson, Braxton Matthew Smith.

Chris is survived by his three brothers, Donald Smith, Lorin Smith, and Robert Smith. He is also survived by 7 children, many grandchildren, and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Children are Stacy (Melba) Sylvester, Lynette (Bill) Humphrey, Christine Delobel, Chris Matthew (Wendy) Smith, Antionette Marie (Robert) Benoit, Michael Robert (Richelle) Smith, and Thomas Bradford.

A "Celebration of Life Service" for Chris will be announced at a later date, after the Holidays when the weather is warmer.

The family gratefully requests that in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to COPD Foundation at:
https://give.copdfoundation.org/site/Donation2?mfc_pref=T&df_id=1520&1520.donation=form1

We would like to send a very sincere thank you to the kind caregivers at Walker Sanderson Funeral Home. The family appreciates you very much.