

Formerly Atchison, KS

Jimmy Lee Smith, 73, of Lathrop, MO formerly of Atchison, KS died on Sat. March 3, 2018 surrounded by his family at his home in Lathrop, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 8th, 2018 at the Becker Dyer Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Wendy Van Houtan officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Atchison, KS. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until time of service on Thursday, at the Becker Dyer Stanton Funeral Home, Atchison KS. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Jude's Hospital and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com)

Jim was born on Feb. 21, 1945 in Atchison, KS the son of Robert Lee Smith and Mary Etta Hatchell . He was raised by William Ray "Bill" and Mary Etta (Hatchell) Stalder. Jim graduated from Atchison High School in 1963. Mr. Smith worked as a drill operator and welder at LFM/Rockwell International/Atchison Casting/Bradken for over 20 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Smith loved to shoot pool, fishing, deer hunting, and was an avid NASCAR and Kansas City Chiefs fan. He was a member of the United Steelworkers Union. His main hobby was working on old cars but he was an extremely hard worker and good at being a handy man, building or fixing about anything.

He was married to Joan K. Cloves on Jan. 1, 1964. She preceded him in death on Nov. 9, 2004. He was later married to Marjorie Cline on Aug. 23, 2008. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include two daughters, Kimberly (Carl) Surritt, Meridan, KS and Kelly (Randy) Fitkin, Atchison, KS, a brother, Thomas Stalder (Vicki Fitzpatrick), two sisters, Connie (Larry) Mercer, and Joann(Joe) Bowen, all of Atchison, KS., and six grandchildren, Carl J.(Anne) Surritt, Ashley (Alex) Goodpasture, Mary Surritt (Rob Lincoln), Allison (Josh) Oswalt, Haley (Chris) Fox, and Jordan Fitkin, and twelve great grandchildren. His mother, Mary Etta and step-father William Ray "Bill" Stalder, also preceded him in death.