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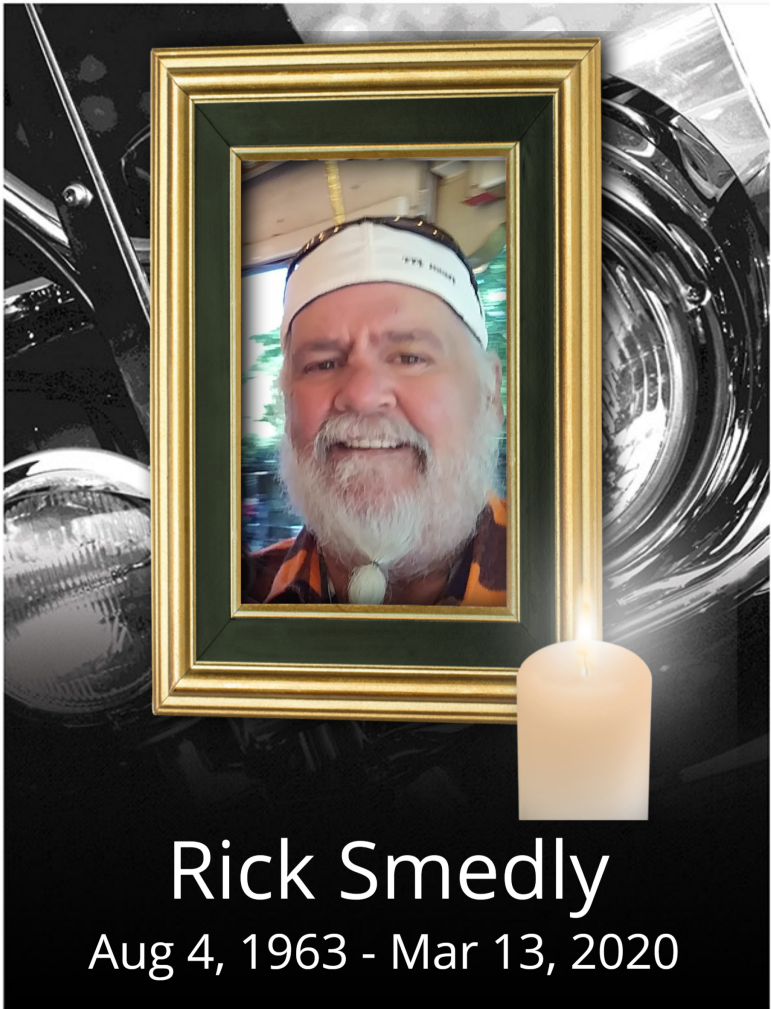
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He is survived by his wife, Terri; three stepchildren, Stephen (Betsy) Harnois of Meredosia, IL, Ailenna "Rose" (Gary) Brogdon of Literberry, IL, Matthew (Jenna) Rutledge of Springfield, Il; nine grandchildren, Zoey, Harley, Delaney, Yasmine, Stephen "Stevie", Braedyn, Henry and Liam; step father, Larry Lung of Beardstown, IL; mother-law, Arleen Harnois of Virginia, IL; step sister, Becky Borchler; step brother, Rick Lung of Beardstown, IL; and his beloved cat, Jackyl.

Rick worked alongside his father Gene at "Smedly Painting" for many years, painting and sandblasting until his father later sold the business. Rick turned to the Illinois river and his like of the water for an exciting yet often challenging career on barge. He learned the way of life on the river and worked his way up, serving as the pilot of "Mr. Hampton's" tow boat for over ten years. Rick enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles. Rick especially loved and looked forward to making his yearly trip to Sturgis.

Ricks wishes were for cremation by water, Cremation H2O and services have been provided by Wendy at A Simplified Funeral Solution in Missouri. A private interment is planned for a later date.

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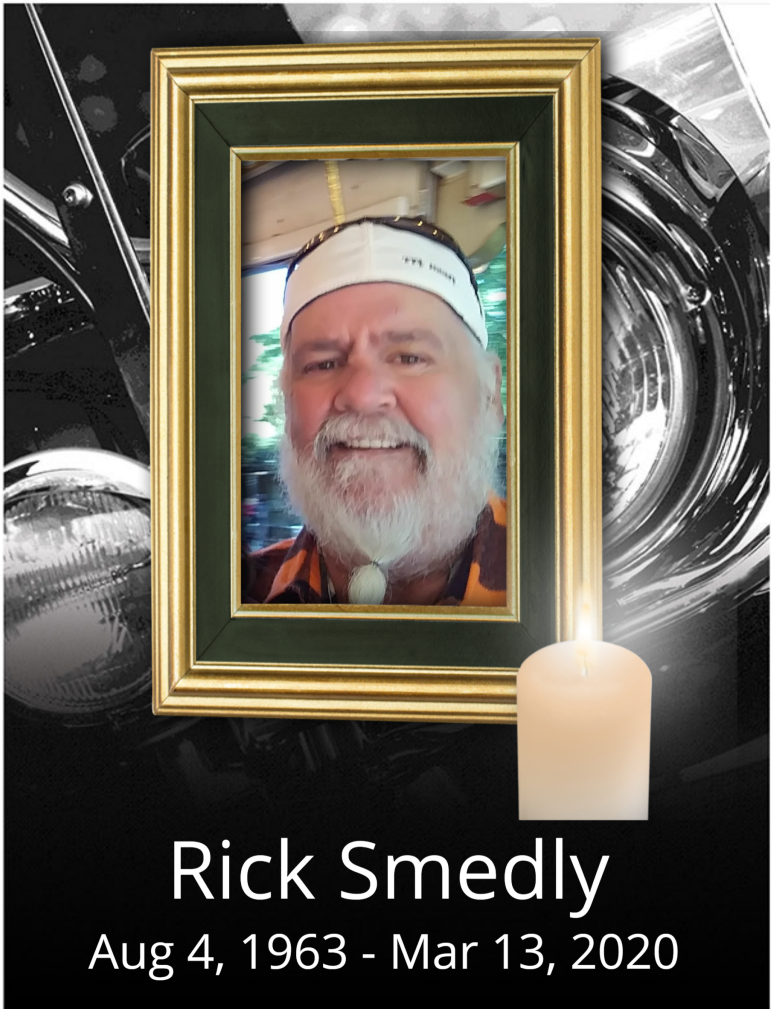
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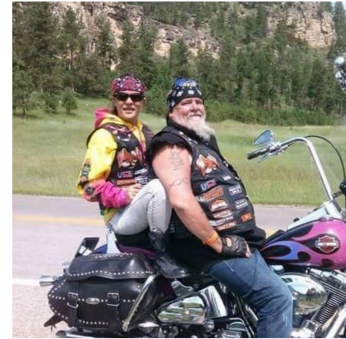
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I'd like to leave an *afterglow* of smiles
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Of happy times, & *laughing* times,
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