



Ellery Smith

February 27, 2026

Ellery Keith Smith, a member of Bkejwanong Walpole Island First Nation, passed away peacefully in Chatham on Friday, February 27, 2026 at the age of 64. Ellery is the son of the late Earl Sr and Elsie Doris (Blackbird) Smith. Beloved husband of Karen (Cox) Smith. Loving father of Elizabeth, Roy, Matthew, Emma, Ellery, and the late Stephen Smith. Dear grandfather of Sky, Stella, MacKenzie, and Rain. Brother of Ken, Curtis (Vera), Carl (Kathy), Susan, and the late Earl Jr. (Vickie).

Ellery spent his life learning the land and waterways of his home community; he worked as a hunting guide specializing in water fowl for most of his life. He loved spending time outside, enjoying gardening and spending evenings sitting on the beach.

Family and friends are invited to the family home, 1404B River Road South on Walpole Island after 6 pm on Tuesday, March 3 until the funeral on Thursday, March 5 from the Walpole Island Sports Complex at 11 AM. Interment to follow at Highbanks Cemetery.

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) entrusted with the arrangements. Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

Family Home
1404B River Road South
Walpole Island, ON N8A 4K9 (CA)

Visitation will continue through Wednesday, March 4 until Thursday at 9am

Funeral Ceremony

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Walpole Island Sports Complex
770 Tecumseh Rd, Wallaceburg, ON
Walpole Island, ON N8A 4K9 (CA)

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Ellery and Karen were customers of mine for many, many years. I always liked you both. Ellery was soft-spoken and very friendly. Although Karen took care of most of the business, I would occasionally meet Ellery at the grocery store and speak to him there.*

My condolences go out to you Karen and all of the family as well as all of the others who could call him their friend.

Jim Myers - March 06 at 07:22 PM

PT

“ *So sorry for your loss, great guy. Had a lot of good duck hunting days with him. RIP Ellery ! Paul & Terry Tanguay & Cheryl Martin.*

Paul Tanguay - March 05 at 12:43 PM

DS

“ *Darlene Shipman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellery Smith*



Darlene Shipman - March 05 at 12:42 PM

RD

“ *Ray Dodge lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*



Ray Dodge - March 05 at 09:50 AM

DA

“ *Deepest condolences to the family an his friends.*

Doris an Rozz Sands



DA - March 04 at 08:04 PM

GW

“ *Gladys White lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*



Gladys White - March 04 at 06:36 PM

BM

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Ellery's passing. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers 🙏*

Bonnie M - March 04 at 04:29 PM

PS

“ *Peter Seys lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*



Peter Seys - March 04 at 09:18 AM

DI

“ *He always had a smile and good wisdom most of the time. Keeping you and the kids in my thoughts and prayers.*

Deborah C Isaac - March 03 at 01:22 PM

JM

“ *So sorry for your loss Karen and family. My deepest condolences.*
Janice Murphy



Janice Murphy - March 02 at 09:08 PM

SC

“ *Sherry Dave Crowe sent a virtual gift in memory of Ellery Smith*



Sherry Dave Crowe - March 02 at 09:02 PM

SC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time



Sherry Dave Crowe - March 02 at 09:01 PM

DH

“ The Harning's bought their cottage in the fall of '68, just a few houses down from the Smith's place. Our families grew close together, spending and sharing wonderful memories thru the many summers. Those were the best of times. Riding our bikes, playing hide and seek out in the fields, fishing, catching frogs, volleyball, swimming at the white dock, playing cards, drinking beer back behind the Smiths as well as skeet shooting in the back. Ellery was the youngest of the Smiths and loved the outdoors. He was a sweet quiet soul. Keeping you and your family in our prayers.

D. Harning - March 02 at 03:41 PM

VA

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, condolences to you and your family



Verlene Aquash - March 02 at 01:07 PM

CF

“ Karen and family, so sad to hear of Ellery's passing, sorry very for your loss and condolences to the rest of his family and friends. Seemed like such a nice but quiet man. May God be with you all and help you through this difficult time 🙏🙏
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Carrie Falconer - March 02 at 12:37 PM

BO

“ I met Ellery 52 years ago when I was 14 years old. My parents bought a cottage two doors down from the Smiths house on Walpole Island. They brought me to paradise. Ellery shared his love of the outdoors with me. We fished together and explored the Chimittogan, Bassett, The Snye, spent the night on Seaway Island in his rusticate cabin. Bullfrogging at night with spot lights he was a true outdoorsmen. And then in our late teens we grew together and hung out to the late hours of the night with all of his friends Ronnie, Blane...he was well respected....the top dog! Ellery shared with me his social life he was a solid friend. Most of all we spent hours together in his Checkmate boat. He ruled the South and North Channel. We raced other boats and kicked most of their asses. He was glowing. If Ellery only knew how much I think of him and talk about him still to this day. He will always be one of my best friends in life and I will always cherish our found memories together. I am proud to be his friend for life!

The Smith family was very kind to our family and very welcoming. Thank you for sharing your life with the Oddo Family and please accept on condolence to our friend Ellery. Ellery will be missed.
Bob Oddo

Bob Oddo - March 02 at 11:58 AM

AB

“ *My condolences to the entire Smith family. I am heartbroken. When I first came to the island in 1971, Ellery was my very first friend. And through all the years he hasn't changed. He was a good person and a kind soul.*

Albert Buhl - March 02 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ *Jane McGill lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*



Jane McGill - March 02 at 11:14 AM

JA

“ *Sincerest of Condolences to family, extended family, friends and community.*

Jacobs-Wieschorster Family



Jacobs-Wieschorster - March 02 at 11:06 AM

TB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Karen and their family. Our thoughts are with you at this time.*



Todd and Mimi Bechard - March 02 at 10:55 AM

JN

“ *Julie Nemeth lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*

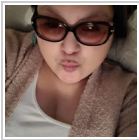


Julie Nemeth - March 02 at 09:57 AM

TE

“ *Sending our most sincere condolences to all of Ellery's family and friends. Be assured of our thoughts prayers. May he rest in Peace.*

Tim and Lisa English - March 02 at 09:46 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Happy to know him & Steve (cruz) b together again.*



Char Milli - March 02 at 06:09 AM

SV

“ *Sherry VanGeersdaele lit a candle in memory of Ellery Smith*



Sherry VanGeersdaele - March 01 at 08:52 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear Geoff and Penny plus your Entire Families .
Thinking of you all at this difficult time . Love Always Maureen
Bailey and Family xoxo

Maureen Bailey - March 01 at 07:51 PM

DP

“ My deepest sympathy to Karen and children. When I met Ellery I
was struck by the quiet strength and kindness I saw in his eyes. I
have earrings made with his hands that I will always treasure. He
seemed to understand that his gestures of kindness lifted hearts in
a special way. We can all take a lesson from him and lift others
when and where we can.

Darlene Partridge - March 01 at 07:38 PM

DS

Just hearing of Ellery's passing and so hard to imagine life there
without him. What a great friend he was to us when we had our cottage
next door. The kindest man. We shared so many laughs and stories.
He was always there for us in so many ways. Truly a special man. Our
deepest sympathy to you Karen and family.

Debbie Stokes - May 23 at 10:53 AM