



DAVID W. SMITH

February 14, 1958 - March 28, 2026 (68)

David W. Smith, 68, passed to his heavenly home on March 28, 2026. Born and raised in Atchison, Kansas, David was the son of John and Jeanne Smith.

On Easter Sunday 1978, David trusted Christ as his Savior. While teaching art and serving as youth director at Cheney Baptist Church, he felt God's call to missions. In 1986 he married Debra Ahrens. After completing Bible college, David continued teaching art and, in 1989, he and Debby were approved as missionaries to France. He was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in 1991.

When visa plans to France did not work out, the family relocated to Quebec for language training and, sensing God's leading, remained there to serve. Prior to being called home to heaven, David was the Pastor of l'Église Biblique Baptiste de l'Outaouais in Gatineau, Quebec since 2002.

He was the beloved husband of Debra; father to Sarah (Pierre-Luc), Rebekah (François), and Joshua; and grandfather of Josephine. David is also fondly remembered by his brothers Michael and Paul Smith, his sisters Janis Scott and Sheila Kane, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Jeanne Smith.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 24, 2026, at 1:30 in the afternoon, at la Coopérative funéraire de l'Outaouais, Pavillon La Vérendrye, located at 1369 La Vérendrye Boulevard West in Gatineau, Québec. Family will receive condolences at 1 pm. It will be possible to view the ceremony via <https://commemora.tv/diffusions/122932>

Immediately following the service, he will be laid to rest at St-Rédempteur Cemetery, 25 de la Cité des Jeunes Boulevard in Gatineau (Hull sector).