



John S. "Smitty" Smith

May 24, 2020

John S. "Smitty" Smith, 83, of the Parvin's section of Pittsgrove Twp, passed away suddenly upon arrival at the Cape Regional Medical Center, Cape May Court House, N.J. Smitty was born in Philadelphia and raised in Pittsgrove where he remained a lifelong resident. He was the son of the late Julia (Zabielski) and John S. Smith, Sr. He is also predeceased by a son, Anthony W. "Tony" Smith & a twin sister Joan Parsons. Before retirement, Smitty worked raising layer chickens, his family having a predominant business in the area. He served three years as an Army medic during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged, after which he went on to have a successful career as a computer Programmer at Admiral Insurance, ultimately becoming Assistant V.P. Smitty was known to come home carrying his briefcase, holding an unlit cheroot cigar in his mouth. Smitty spent the entirety of his life as a devoted husband and steadfast guide for his children. The family frequented the shore. His time was spent with them outdoors: fishing, clamming and camping. He took interest in scuba diving and metal detecting-which he did into the latter part of life. His way was discerning and gentle. Smitty watched content as generations of his family grew up around him. His presence was comforting with quiet charm. He enjoyed a good nap. He was a genius at making you laugh and you'd never see it coming. A reliable teacher, partner, and confidant.

He is survived by his dearly loved wife of almost 60 years; Loretta (Zebley); his daughter, Lisa; two sons, John S. Smith IV and Edward Smith; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a loving host of family.

A private family funeral service will be conducted by Pancoast Funeral Home with burial in the Lawnside Cemetery, Woodstown, N.J. There will be a public memorial service at a later date when we can safely gather and remember the life of Smitty. To e-mail condolences & or tributes, please visit www.pancoastfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ When you are lucky enough to find someone like Smitty it is hard on your heart to say goodbye. I have fond memories of your family.

Love

Iris

iris smith - May 30 at 10:12 AM



“ Loretta and family,
I will always remember Smitty as the lynchpin of our family. He was steadfast, honest and true in all that he did and in all the many relationships he formed. I will always think of him with great affection and as a calming force throughout my life. I think of his kind and gentle effect with animals and it always makes me smile. Like all his friends and family, dogs were drawn to his safe and sound energy as well as to his trusting hand (often filled with treats). His passing is an unbearable loss to his close family members as well as to our collective family and his countless friends. With admiration and love for his life and sadness for his passing, Peggy

Peggy Kleiner - May 29 at 10:18 AM



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Jessica - May 28 at 09:10 PM



“ What a honor it has been to have known Smitty for all these 60+ years. He was a gem, always helpful to everyone. A more honest person you could never find. Loretta could not have found a better person to spend her life with. SMITTY will be missed by all his family and friends. Rest In Peace Dear Brother. Toots

ellen sorrell - May 28 at 08:18 PM



“ Baxter and I will miss the visits to see Smitty and Loretta may God surround you and your family God Bless

Joseph Clendenning - May 28 at 02:41 PM



“ Loretta,
You are in our thoughts and prayers
Beal & Donna Rowland

donna rowland - May 28 at 01:46 PM



“ A life well Lived. A man who faithfully served his country, was a dedicated husband, a loving father and a kind friend. Our thoughts and prayers to Loretta and the family. He will be greatly missed among us at Green Holly.

Donna Leavitt - May 28 at 10:58 AM



“ A Husband ,Father ,Grandfather And a dear Friend! I cannot remember you and Loretta not being in my life as a true Friend to my parents and my brother and myself with my family!
You started the camping life with my parents (Murph and Fran) along with a great group of other folks who have memories and laughs and great campground fire get togethers !
Food ,music , fishing and stories!
I can say for myself and my family we were very fortunate to have you in our lives !
You always be missed but Never forgotten Smitty.. I love you always
Deb carter Ferrarie

Deb Ferrarie - May 28 at 07:21 AM



“ Lorretta and family we are so sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family on our prayers

Julie and Henry Dengler

julie Dengler - May 27 at 07:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John S. "Smitty" Smith.



May 27 at 01:08 PM