



## Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.

July 27, 1971 - May 29, 2016

Bruce Stephen Smith Jr. of Stevensville, MD, passed away Saturday May 29, 2016, at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. He was 44.

Born July 27, 1971, in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of Bruce Stephen Sr. and Gail (Fey) Smith of Clearwater Beach, MD.

Bruce graduated from Northeast High School in 1989. He started his fire career as a young teenager with the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department under the influence of his father and friends. He went on to become a career Firefighter for Fort Meade Fire Department and climbed the ranks from Rookie Firefighter to Deputy Fire Chief. He loved to spend time with his family and friends. He was the best son, father, grandfather, friend, and colleague that anyone could ever ask for. He lent a hand to anyone who needed it and touched so many lives.

He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Gail Smith of Clearwater Beach, MD; his children, Christopher Smith and Jeni Wilkes of Pasadena, MD; daughters, Laura and Chris Marvel and Brook Smith both of Stevensville, MD, and Krysten Kehoe and Marc Farrell of Savannah, GA; two grandchildren, Hailey and Harper Marvel; and brother, Douglas Smith of Clearwater Beach, MD.

A memorial service with fire department honors will be held at the Kent Island

Volunteer Fire Dept., 1610 Main St, Chester, MD 21619 on Friday June 3, 2016, at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department, 4128 Main St, Grasonville, MD 21638 as a part of the memorial fund for his children and grandchildren, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department. The family of Bruce wishes to thank all who have helped them get through this difficult time.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kent Island Fire Co  
1610 Main St  
Chester, MD 21619-2790  
(410) 643-5454

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mary Bolton lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



Mary Bolton - June 03, 2017 at 05:27 AM



“ *My mother and I will miss him greatly; as my mother worked with him at Ft. Meade. There were many stories shared at home over the years.*



*To the family: I deepest condolences. Let God light your paths during this dark time.*

Rachel - June 11, 2016 at 07:26 PM

RL

“ *Rich And Lynda Lee lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



Rich and Lynda Lee - June 09, 2016 at 04:15 PM

TC

“ *Tim Blackiston, Sudlersville Fire Co. sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



Tim Blackiston, Sudlersville Fire Co. - June 06, 2016 at 07:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr..*



June 03, 2016 at 07:08 AM

AR

“ *Amanda Ruskus lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



Amanda Ruskus - June 03, 2016 at 06:09 AM



“ Rest in peace Bruce. You will be missed. Condolences to the entire family.

*Louis, Emilie & Oliver Dorn*

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**Louis Dorn** - June 01, 2016 at 06:13 PM

PT

“ From all the employers of Club Meade, our thoughts and prayers go out to Bruce's Family.

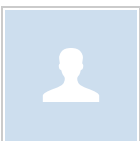
*His smiling face will surely be missed at the functions and gatherings he attended on a regular basis at Club Meade.*

*Rest in Peace Bruce, you always be in our hearts and memories.*

*Shirley Tessicini*

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**Paul & Shirley Tessicini** - June 01, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr..



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June 01, 2016 at 10:51 AM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.....Please accept our condolences..... Chris & Roxanne.

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**Chris & Roxanne** - June 01, 2016 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ *RIP Bruce  
You're family will be in my thoughts & prayers.*



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**Stacy Chapman & Matthew Bender** - June 01, 2016 at 07:12 AM

MK

“ *Melissa Kramer lit a candle in memory of  
Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Melissa Kramer** - June 01, 2016 at 06:16 AM

GH

“ *I joined Orchard Beach VFD in 1996. Bruce was the first person there I met. I was very intimated as a brand new member in the fire service but Bruce took me under his wing and he was right with me on my first fire. 20 years later I have never forgotten that initial act of kindness I can honestly say that if it wasn't for Bruce I would not be where I am today.*



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**George (Rob) Harmon** - June 01, 2016 at 06:16 AM

MK

“ *Melissa Kramer lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Melissa Kramer** - June 01, 2016 at 06:15 AM

AH

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Bruce one time. Janice introduced him as her best friend, her brother from another mother. I never saw him after that but I do remember his gregarious nature, his caring heart and that show stoping smile! You don't meet many people like him in this world and even though for one instance for five minutes, I am sincerely glad I met him.*



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**Ashley Hoover** - May 31, 2016 at 11:38 PM

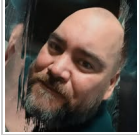
KC

“ *Kelly Gavin Colón lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Kelly Gavin Colón** - May 31, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ *Shawn Jewell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Shawn Jewell** - May 31, 2016 at 09:06 PM

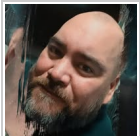
RW

“ *Robin Warf lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Robin Warf** - May 31, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *Shawn Jewell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Shawn Jewell** - May 31, 2016 at 09:05 PM

SO

“ *Shawn & Lori Owen lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Shawn & Lori Owen** - May 31, 2016 at 08:46 PM

SR

“ Bruce and I shared a July 27th birthday. Roar loud and strong mighty lion! My sincere condolences to his family and FMFD family.



Shsron Rieve - May 31, 2016 at 08:38 PM



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Joe Adams - May 31, 2016 at 08:10 PM



Will Miss You My Friend, we had many Great Times Especially out Fishing Of Tillman's Island, With Your Dad your Brother your Son In Law and Great Friends, R.I.P my Friend

Joe Adams - May 31, 2016 at 08:21 PM

LS

“ Lori And Nick Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Lori and Nick Sullivan - May 31, 2016 at 07:48 PM

GC

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.

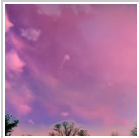


Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - May 31, 2016 at 04:45 PM

MB

“ I'm so very sorry for the loss to a great family I knew growing up my prayers are with the entire smith family !!!

mary Balmaceno - May 31, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I met you and your family though Shawn and Lori Owen I think at one of there fun cookouts.



Tracey Hendricks Dodson - May 31, 2016 at 03:01 PM

BS

“ Betty And Bob Switzer lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Betty and Bob Switzer - May 31, 2016 at 02:56 PM

CE

“ CEE lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



CEE - May 31, 2016 at 02:55 PM

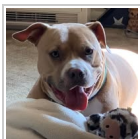
David Pfeil Jr.

“ My sincere condolences to the Family. I worked with Bruce for a short time at Ft. Meade. A truly stand up guy.



RIP BROTHER

David Pfeil Jr. - May 31, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ Julie Faudree lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Julie Faudree - May 31, 2016 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ Tim Faudree lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Tim Faudree - May 31, 2016 at 02:07 PM

KP

“ *Kimberly Page lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Kimberly Page** - May 31, 2016 at 02:03 PM

TG

“ *Tracey L Gearhart lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Tracey L Gearhart** - May 31, 2016 at 01:48 PM

TJ

“ *I wanted to say I've known Bruce for the past 25 years as we both started our fire dept career in the same year on the same day being interviewed by Chief Miller, over the years and as I said many have flown by he became a good friend and my boss I will miss you my friend until we meet again my brother*

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**Thomas E Gray Jr** - May 31, 2016 at 01:47 PM

RD

“ Bruce and I met in 1993, about a year before I married one of his former classmates, Brandi Haley. We each watched as our first houses were built almost next door to each other in Stone Beach. Bruce was a career Firefighter with Fort Meade F.D. and he was usually always tagging along side Chief Sauna on his way into our buildings, always saying "hey neighbor" to me. I always knew Bruce would one day be in Fran's shoes. After 1999, my wife, along with our two girls and I moved out of Stone Beach and over to Chesterfield subdivision. We had left behind some good friends in Bruce, Melanie, Laura, Chris, Miss Gail and Bruce Senior. Lives wound up going separate ways, but we kept in touch from time to time. Gail always somehow showed up at Lauers when we were there. Chris and Laura grew up. And we had two more kids. But, we will never forget the friendship we shared in that short period of time. it is funny how time passes us by. Rest now, Bruce.



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Russ and Brandi Diaz - May 31, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr..



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May 31, 2016 at 01:26 PM

KB

“ *Kim Braniecki lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Kim Braniecki** - May 31, 2016 at 01:03 PM

BG

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr. Rest in Peace Brother*

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**Bryan Gregg** - May 31, 2016 at 12:55 PM

MM

“ *With deepest sympathy. So very sorry for your loss. Bruce was a great guy and will be missed by many. May god bless all of you and may he Rest In Peace.*

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**melissa martin** - May 31, 2016 at 12:52 PM

TR

“ *Tammy Rigoli lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



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**Tammy Rigoli** - May 31, 2016 at 12:51 PM

JJ

“ *My heart goes out to all his family and friends. I will never forget the memories brother. Rest easy chief !!!!  
Till we meet again in that firehouse in the sky !!! Love ya brother*

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**John Schreiber Jr** - May 31, 2016 at 12:11 PM



Elizabeth Ambrosini

“ Elizabeth Ambrosini lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Elizabeth Ambrosini - May 31, 2016 at 12:09 PM



DG

“ R.I.P BROTHER until we meet again! !



Dale Gottschalk - May 31, 2016 at 11:59 AM



Roy Faudree

“ Roy Faudree lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Roy Faudree - May 31, 2016 at 11:56 AM



TF

“ The Compton Family lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



the Compton Family - May 31, 2016 at 11:47 AM

TC

*From the Compton family*

**the Comptons** - May 31, 2016 at 11:49 AM

TA

“ *THE SHREVES FAMILY: GOD BLESS ALL lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



**THE SHREVES FAMILY: GOD BLESS ALL** - May 31, 2016 at 11:35 AM

TA

*THE SHREVES FAMILY. GODSPEED*

**THE SHREVES FAMILY: GOD BLESS ALL** - May 31, 2016 at 11:38 AM

GB

“ *George And Betty lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



**George and Betty** - May 31, 2016 at 11:28 AM

AM

“ *Allen N Mickie Mowbray lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



**Allen n Mickie Mowbray** - May 31, 2016 at 11:24 AM

DJ

“ Darrel Jackson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Darrel Jackson - May 31, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ May God take you into his open arms my brother firefighter. You were a true friend and the best there was in the fire service. Until we meet again my friend we got it from here.



Bobby Sharp - May 31, 2016 at 11:14 AM

GH

*If they have a truck company in heaven I'm sure Bruce will be in the seat.*

George (Rob) Harmon - June 01, 2016 at 06:21 AM

LC

“ Larry, Peggy, Adam And Alex Cole lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Larry, Peggy, Adam and Alex Cole - May 31, 2016 at 10:59 AM

DP

“ Donna Powell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Donna Powell - May 31, 2016 at 10:35 AM

DI

“ So sorry for your loss. ...prayers and love to all of your family. ..Donna Ingram



Donna Ingram - May 31, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Tracy Schulz - May 31, 2016 at 10:24 AM

SR

“ Scott Ruth lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Scott Ruth - May 31, 2016 at 09:20 AM



“ *Bruce and Gail, you have our deepest heartfelt sympathies. We're keeping you and your Family in our prayers during this most difficult time.*



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**Karen Doggendorf** - May 31, 2016 at 08:47 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy. You are hearts and prayers.  
The Chambers Family*

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**Debbie Chambers** - May 31, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy.  
Ron Dugan and Family*



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**Ron Dugan** - May 31, 2016 at 07:14 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Bruce and Gail and the entire Smith family. Kathy (Harp) Jacobs*



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**Kathy Jacobs** - May 31, 2016 at 07:13 AM

JM

“ Bruce you were taken to soon in your life, watching you grow from an 8 year lil boy to see you fulfill your Life long dream an become a firefighter and rise through the Ranks to Deputy Chief.

*I know how proud you have made your family over the years and was glad to have worked with in the Fire Service. Bruce and Gail I am so sorry for your loss words cannot explain, and to Doug and Chris and Lauren and the girls and your Grandkids you all can cherish the memories you have given them.*

*Michele you also have the memories long with the girls and grandkids.*

*So my Friend and Brother my you Rest In Peace*



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**John Miller** - May 31, 2016 at 05:47 AM

JM

“ Josh Melton lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



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**Josh Melton** - May 31, 2016 at 05:18 AM

JM

“ Jean Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



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**jean mccombs** - May 31, 2016 at 03:55 AM



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**Russell-Frances Bell-Wilson** - May 30, 2016 at 11:11 PM



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**Russell-Frances Bell-Wilson** - May 30, 2016 at 11:11 PM



“ *Bruce...words can not even begin to express how I feel...It was an honor to be your friend. I will miss you brother.*

*My condolences*

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**Russell-Frances Bell-Wilson** - May 30, 2016 at 10:34 PM

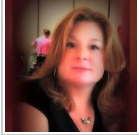


“ *Sending prayers to the Smith family.*



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**Dawn Merritt** - May 30, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *I will miss you forever babe!!!! Until we see each other again in heaven rest in peace!! I Will Always Love You*

Michele McNeill - May 30, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family!*



Angie Risley - May 30, 2016 at 09:43 PM



“ *"Hey Kid"... Convention week will never be the same. However, I promise there will be a tribute to you every year from now on... Miss you bud!*



Justin Davis - May 30, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ *Sheri Younger lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.*



Sheri Younger - May 30, 2016 at 09:06 PM

TF

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends. Bruce you will be missed.



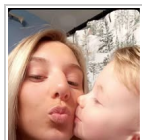
Tina Whittington and family - May 30, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.



Alicia Kettering-Lindner - May 30, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ The Buchholz Family



Brandy Buchholz - May 30, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ Jenn Walters lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Jenn Walters - May 30, 2016 at 07:40 PM

RL

“ Rob & Lisa lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



Rob & Lisa - May 30, 2016 at 07:40 PM



“ The Walters Family



Jenn Walters - May 30, 2016 at 07:38 PM

DG

“ David,Annie,Ryan,Amber,James Gardner lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



David,Annie,Ryan,Amber,James Gardner - May 30, 2016 at 07:35 PM

GB

“ George & Betty lit a candle in memory of Bruce Stephen Smith Jr.



George & Betty - May 30, 2016 at 06:41 PM