



Edward Gillespie Smith

February 5, 1928 - July 24, 2015

Edward G. Smith was born on February 5, 1928, in Centreville, MD, to the late John Palmer and Esther Johnson Gillespie Smith. He graduated from Charlotte Hall Military Academy in the Class of 1945. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended the University of Pennsylvania where in 1950 he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree. On February 11, 1950 he graduated at 11:00 AM and was then commissioned in the U.S. Navy at 1:00 PM and was married in Chestertown, MD, at 7:00 PM to the former Jean Morris Gill of Chestertown.

During his career as a midshipman, he served aboard the U.S.S. Oregon City, U.S.S. Boxer, U.S.S. Sicily and the U.S.S. Missouri. In 1953, he went to work for Atlantic Refining Company. In 1972, he founded Smith Oil Company (S.O.C.O.) in Carlisle, PA. Mr. Smith sold the company and returned to Centreville, MD, in 1983 where he enjoyed being retired but remained active in the community. His wife of 62 years Jean Gill Smith predeceased him on February 14, 2012.

Mr. Smith served as past Chairman of the Queen Anne's County Library Board, on the Chester River Hospital Board of Directors, as Past Commodore of Kent Island Yacht Club. He is a member of several veteran organizations, including the American Legion Jefferson Davis Post #18 and the VFW Post #7464 Grasonville, he is also a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in

Church Hill, MD, where he served as Senior Warden.

He is survived by his two children, Douglas Gillespie Smith of Bear, DE, and Jennifer Smith Ommert and her husband Randy of Axtell, NE; six grandchildren, Rhiannon Van Bourgondien of Easton, MD, Caitlin Madden of Chestertown, MD, D.J. Smith, Michael Falco, Justina Falco, and Sarah Falco all of Bear, DE; one brother, the late John Palmer Smith, Jr. predeceased him in 1978.

Services will be held on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Church Hill, MD. Interment will be in the churchyard cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Memorial Columbarium Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 403 Main Street, Church Hill, MD 21623.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
401 Main Street
Church Hill, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 28, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ *Edward Gillespie Smith* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Edward Gillespie Smith* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Judy&Don sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith* ”



Judy&Don - November 11, 2017 at 01:31 PM

JU

“ *Judy&Don sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Judy&Don - July 02, 2017 at 08:29 AM

JD

“ *Judy & Don lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Judy & Don - March 29, 2017 at 11:27 PM

SR

“ *Pop-pop.. it's sarah rose... I miss & love you so much that it hurts.. i will continue to make you & mom-mom proud. I love you both very much. I hope that you can hear me talking to you everyday. Sometimes I miss you so much that if I close my eyes & pretend I am at your house I can almost smell the bay.. I love you. I miss you terribly.*

Sarah rose - March 25, 2017 at 11:52 PM

SS

“ *My heart is heavy, I miss you Pop-Pop. Sarah rose loves you.*



Sarah Rose (daughter of Douglas smith) - January 06, 2016 at 02:22 PM

MH

“ *Martha (Roe) & Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Martha (Roe) & Royce Herman - August 03, 2015 at 05:29 PM

DT

“ *Dale And Amy Todd lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Dale and Amy Todd - August 01, 2015 at 10:47 PM

LF

“ *We will miss you Mr. Smith and the stories you share with us. The girls at the 213 Branch CNB Bank*



Lisa Fleetwood - July 30, 2015 at 12:18 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - July 28, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM

JU

“ To Granpa Ed's family & friends:
We feel so blessed to have met & shared time
with this kind & caring soul , even if for a short
time. Everyone who's life he touched was
richer for it. We see so much of the same in
YOU, his loved ones.

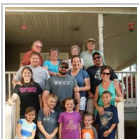
May God Bless your Family & those who share your loss & bring
you the PEACE that only HIS loving grace can provide.

We are with you all in our thoughts & prayers.

Love,
Judy



Judy&Don - July 28, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ Beth Coppage lit a candle in memory of
Edward Gillespie Smith



Beth Coppage - July 28, 2015 at 07:24 AM

MC

“ *Mishelle Cummings lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Mishelle Cummings - July 27, 2015 at 07:55 PM

MC

Thinking of you, Rhea, Caitlin, Jennifer, and family, With Love, Charlie, Mishelle and Nicholas

Mishelle Cummings - July 27, 2015 at 08:00 PM

DH

“ *Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



dorothy hollingsworth - July 27, 2015 at 02:02 PM

MM

“ *rest in peace...till we meet again. love, martin and sandy*



martin and sandy gahley and michael - July 27, 2015 at 01:25 PM

JM

“ *Jean Clough Mccombs lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



jean clough mcombs - July 27, 2015 at 12:33 PM

JD

“ *Judy & Don lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Judy & Don - July 27, 2015 at 12:00 PM

KC

“ *We send our heart felt condolences. My first meeting of Mr. Ed was in 2006. We didn't have a pastor at our church and he took care of everything for us, securing the church, a pastor and making sure we had keys, he was so kind and thoughtful. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Karey Anne Coppage*

Karey Anne Coppage - July 27, 2015 at 11:39 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Brenda Beaver - July 27, 2015 at 09:56 AM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Maryann Ruehrmund - July 27, 2015 at 09:48 AM

MR

“ *Mark & Kelley Reuwer lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Mark & Kelley Reuwer - July 27, 2015 at 09:45 AM

AW

“ *Annette Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Annette Wilkinson - July 27, 2015 at 09:36 AM

GC

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - July 27, 2015 at 09:09 AM

AH

“ Alan Hirst lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



Alan Hirst - July 27, 2015 at 09:09 AM

CB

“ Carol Bennett lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



Carol Bennett - July 27, 2015 at 09:07 AM

CN

“ My Sympathy and Condolences to Mr. Smith 's Family, I will miss him , we will all miss him. He was a very caring person, he made us all feel appreciated.

Charly Neill, VFW # 7464

charly neill - July 27, 2015 at 08:00 AM

WB

“ To the family. Ed was the Commodore of the Kent Island Yacht Club when my niece, Katie, was the Princess. We got to know Ed and Jean better than we probably would have because of this situation, but became good friends with Ed and Jean. He was a stand up guy and we are sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept our condolences to your family.

Wheeler and Holly Baker

Wheeler and Holly Baker - July 27, 2015 at 07:30 AM

CK

“ Carol A Kitts lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



Carol A Kitts - July 26, 2015 at 09:00 PM

PF

“ Pam Frantz lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



pam frantz - July 26, 2015 at 04:40 PM

JB

“ Judy And Don Van Bourgondien lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



Judy and Don Van Bourgondien - July 26, 2015 at 02:46 PM

DC

“ David & June Clark lit a candle in memory of Edward Gillespie Smith



David & June Clark - July 26, 2015 at 02:04 PM

AC

“ *Bob and I were deeply saddened to hear of "Mr.Ed's" passing this week. We have been part of his church family for many years. He was always so positive and worked diligently to keep our church going. We will always remember our last vestry Christmas party and the way he enjoyed the fellowship and great food. He adored Jean and his entire famiy. There will always be a special place in our hearts for him. He will be sorely missed. Bob and Ann Campbell*

Ann and Bob Campbell - July 26, 2015 at 11:46 AM