



## Ernest Martin Smith

February 3, 1922 - June 11, 2014

Ernest M. Smith of Centreville, MD, died at his home on June 11, 2014. He was 92.

Mr. Smith lived in Queen Anne's County for 90 years, and was the son of the late William and Ida Smith of Grasonville, MD. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on May 6, 1940, and was on the USS St. Louis in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Mr. Smith was involved with three invasions as a member of the 1st Marine Division. He was severely wounded on Sept. 7, 1944, on Peleliu in the Palau Islands. He retired from the State of Maryland as a Senior Assessor in Queen Anne's County.

Mr. Smith was a member of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Disabled American Veterans, VFW Post 7464, American Legion Post 18, Purple Heart Chapter 570, Marine Corps League, Moose Lodge 1520 in Easton, MD and Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Peters Catholic Churches. Mr. Smith also served as a Scout Master in Grasonville, MD.

His beloved wife, Rita, died in January of 1990. He is survived by his sons, Charles Smith (Lois), of Selbyville, DE, and Dr. Joseph Smith (Dolly), of Denton, MD; a daughter, Cecilia Lukenich (Tom), of Centreville, MD; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends and family may visit on Sunday, June 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbien & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 16 at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church in Centreville, MD.

Burial will follow at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Queenstown, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617; or the Goodwill Fire Company, 212 Broadway, Centreville, MD 21617.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
[info@fhfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhfuneralhome.com)

## Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church  
303 Chesterfield Avenue  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 14, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ *Ernest Martin Smith* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ernest Martin Smith* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ernest Martin Smith* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Poppop,  
Yesterday was a week since you left us to be with the Lord. I still go to your house in the morning, at lunchtime like usual, and after work. I still wait for you to say "Here comes Meals on Wheels" or "Hi Margie" when I walk in the door. My routine is still the same, I thought you would like that! You were so tough and so brave, I will forever be proud of you and all you accomplished. I promise to tell your story to everyone I can, just how you wanted!*  
*With Love Always,*  
*Margie*

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**Margie Hannawald** - June 19, 2014 at 09:32 AM

SE

“ *Susie C. Embert sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Susie C. Embert** - June 15, 2014 at 07:52 PM

SE

*To the Smith Family: I worked with Ernie in the Assessment Office and he was such a gentleman and good to work with. He is surely in heaven with our Lord and looking down to make sure things are done right. My prayers are with you at this time. God Bless, Susie C. Embert.*

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**Susie C. Embert** - June 15, 2014 at 07:54 PM

 James  
Spencer

“ *A man, who braved and survived much more than any of us could imagine, always greeted you with a smile and genuine sincerity. You will be missed Marine. To the family of Sergeant Ernie Smith, our deepest sympathy to you. We are all better people for having known Ernie.*

*Semper Fidelis Brother Marine  
James Spencer  
Chief Warrant Officer-3 USMC (Ret)*

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**James Spencer** - June 15, 2014 at 07:49 AM

AJ

“ *A Fine Man, Superior Marine and a Great Human Being. Our streets on Heaven Scenes are in good hands.*

*Semper Fidelis my Friend  
Alvin S. Athey Jr.  
Sergeant Major USMC (ret)*

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**Alvin S. Athey Jr.** - June 14, 2014 at 09:40 PM

DC

*My condolences to you for your loss. Doc*

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**doc cutter** - October 18, 2014 at 05:39 PM

PB

“ *Pastor Joe and family, you have our deep sympathy at the loss of your father. From the family of Dorothy Sculley; Fred Sculley and Pat Bunting*

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**Pat Bunting** - June 14, 2014 at 07:15 PM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - June 14, 2014 at 02:31 PM

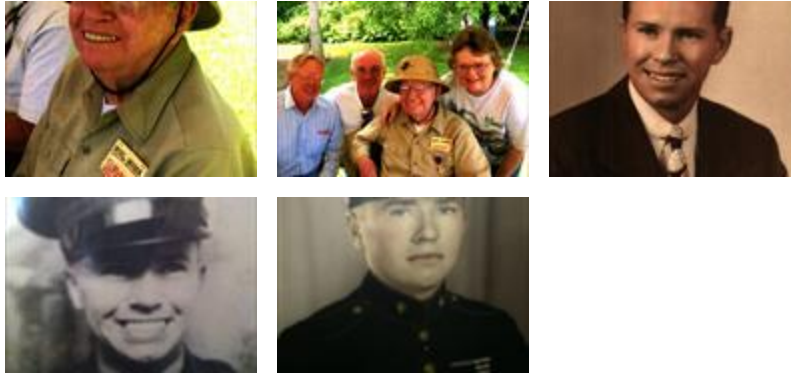
CS

*Dear Smith family, Your dad was a sweet man and very courageous in many ways. So sorry for your loss, will be thinking of all during this difficult time.*

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**Connie Harris Sypniewski** - June 14, 2014 at 02:33 PM



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**Margie Hannawald** - June 14, 2014 at 08:35 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Brenda Beaver** - June 14, 2014 at 08:03 AM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
*Doris Ann and Howard Donovan*

Doris Ann Donovan - June 14, 2014 at 07:42 AM

MH

“ We are so sorry to hear the passing of Ernie. He was our neighbor on Happy Lady Lane for a long time before we moved. He was such a pleasant man and loved to tell stories of Pearl Harbor. He will be missed but you will have many happy memories of him to share. May God Bless and Keep You. Martha & Royce Herman



Martha & Royce Herman - June 13, 2014 at 04:21 PM

SU

“ Mr Ernie has a special place in my heart from the 1st day I met him. I used to sit at church with him on the holidays and saw him at the meetings. He is a wonderful man and I am proud to say he is my friend. May you rest in peace Mr Ernie. I lit the yellow candle in your honor. Thank you for sharing your Pearl Harbor stories with me. My thoughts and prayer are with your family. <3 Suzie



Suzie - June 13, 2014 at 10:19 AM

DC

“ Darlene Clark lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith



Darlene Clark - June 13, 2014 at 09:48 AM

HB

“ *What a kind and gentle man. We lived across the street from each other for 24 years. He always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.*

*Jim & Helen Benchoff*

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**Helen Benchoff** - June 13, 2014 at 09:45 AM

JA

“ *Cel and family- what a life well lived! May beautiful and happy memories help you through today and the difficult days ahead. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Fondly,  
Jane Anthony*

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**Jane Anthony** - June 13, 2014 at 09:00 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Doug Pierson** - June 13, 2014 at 08:57 AM

TG

“ *The Caregiver's Support Group lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**The Caregiver's Support Group** - June 13, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CM

“ *Cel and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your father. He was a wonderful person and I have many happy memories.*

Cathy Maxwell - June 13, 2014 at 07:24 AM

DF

“ *Joe and Dolly, Margie and Jered, Marsha and Doug, Cel and family, Charlie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know he fought it for as long as he could. My heart goes out to you all. Wish I could be there with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you .*

Debbie Daugherty and family - June 12, 2014 at 05:55 PM

PA

“ *Penny And John Asche lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



Penny and John Asche - June 12, 2014 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ *Joe And Connie Shortall sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



Joe and Connie Shortall - June 12, 2014 at 04:50 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 12, 2014 at 04:38 PM

GP

*Cel: Sorry to read the passing of Mr. Ernie, but he surely lived a good long life. He was always so friendly and I enjoyed talking with him. I know you have many wonderful memories that will remain in your hearts. Many blessings and prayers are with you at this time. God Bless, Lynda Palmatary*

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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 12, 2014 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ *Missy Bennett lit a candle in memory of Ernest Martin Smith*



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**Missy Bennett** - June 12, 2014 at 03:48 PM