



## Francis "Jerry" Smithson

May 2, 1925 - August 8, 2011

Francis J. "Jerry" Smithson of Chestertown, MD, died on Monday, August 8, 2011, at Chester River Hospital Center. He was 86 years old.

Mr. Smithson was born on May 2, 1925, in Elkridge, MD. He was the son of the late Charles Francis and Dorothy Tyrone Davis Smithson. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and served three years overseas in England during World War II. Mr. Smithson continued his service with the 175th Maryland Air National Guard. He served for a total of 40 years and retired as Chief Master Sergeant in May of 1985. He was former St. Paul's Church Sunday School Superintendent, former Planning and Zoning Commissioner in Rock Hall, former President of Board of Directors of Upper Shore Aging for Kent County, a member of the Rock Hall Senior Citizens, and a 13 year-member of the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion, Post #228 in Rock Hall where he served as Chaplain. He was also a member of the Maryland Air National Guard Retirees Association. Mr. Smithson enjoyed volunteering his time, reading and gardening.

In addition to his wife of 25 years, Joyce B. Smetana Smithson, he is survived by his daughter, Sherrie A. Jordan and husband Raymond D. of Eldersburg, MD; his son, Jonathan J. Smithson of Westminster, MD; his half-sister; Beatrice M. Fritz; three grandchildren, Maegan C. Smithson Armell, Nathaniel J. Jordan and Sean R. Smithson; and two great-grandchildren; Taylor and

Riley. He was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph H. and Charles D. Smithson.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church in Chestertown, MD. Interment will be in St. Paul's Church Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund, 7579 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent  
7760 Sandy Bottom Road  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Jerry, every time I add someone to our family tree, I want to call you! You are missed so much!

Jo Williams-Miller - August 12, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ Francis "Jerry" Smithson

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Francis "Jerry" Smithson

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Francis "Jerry" Smithson

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear, sweet Joyce, It is Thursday 8/18. I have just learned the news. My heart and prayeers are with you in the loss of your good and gracious Jerry. What a fine fellow he was, who brought joy into the room with him. May he rest in eternal peace, but how he will be miised by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him!  
Much love, Ann##imported-begin##Ann Glover##imported-end##

August 18, 2011 at 11:22 AM



“ I will always remember Jerry as my favorite cousin. I so enjoyed his sense of humor. He was kind enough to come to Fla to help celebrate my mother's 75th birthday and surprise her. I will treasure the memories I have of him always. I know right now he is with Jesus and having a grand old time up there. I also remember his mother, my great aunt Tyrone, and what a fun person she was. My mother also has such great memories of her as well. Jerry, please pray to God for us that we may join you in heaven some day. Love you and will miss you so much. edy###imported-begin###Edythe J Clemons###imported-end###

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August 12, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ Joyce, you have my deepest sympathy on your loss of a fine, Christian gentleman. It has been years since Cursillo days and I miss them. Memories don't fade, however, and I have warm, loving memories of you two. At this time I am sorting pictures and letters and sending them off to family and friends, lacking children to do that for me. So treasure your memories, and know that many of us are praying for you two.###imported-begin###Peggy R. Rogers###imported-end###

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August 12, 2011 at 01:30 PM



“ Jerry will be missed by everyone. I never saw him without a smile on his face. Joyce, you were perfect for him, and did so much. I know I will miss seeing "Handsome". Love and prayers to you and his family.###imported-begin###Bonnie Chaires###imported-end###

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August 11, 2011 at 11:01 AM



“ We were so very sorry to hear of Mr. Smithson's passing. He was one of our favorite patients. We will keep you in our prayers.  
Dr. Cordero and Staff###imported-begin###Mary Ellen Unruh###imported-end##

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August 11, 2011 at 09:29 AM



“ Hi Joyce and Family  
Sorry to hear about you loss. I'm sure he is in a better place and the Lord will be with you and get you thru this bad time. You are in my prayer and my the Good Lord Bless you and Keep you in his loving arms,  
Your Friend Doris Reynolds  
Apt G 103###imported-begin###Doris Reynolds###imported-end##

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August 09, 2011 at 07:42 PM