



James William Smith

August 6, 1940 - November 19, 2019

Heathsville, VA:

James “Jim” William Smith, 79, passed away on November 19, 2019 in Richmond, VA.

He was born on August 6, 1940 in Baltimore, MD, the son of the late Earl Carter Smith and Isabelle Topper Smith. He received his B.S. degree in engineering from the University of Maryland. He worked as a machinist and engineer in the aerospace industry. James served honorably in the U.S. Navy and the reserves retiring as a Sr. Chief.

He was a very generous and giving man. Jim never met a stranger and had a joke for every occasion. He was an avid sailor and loved to learn and loved animals. Jim was a member of the American Legion and the “Great Decisions” Group.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Olavsrud Smith, daughter Shari Ochse (Steve) of Easton and their daughter, Isabel Ochse, stepson, John Ragone and his children, Danielle Lecoq, Samantha Green, Tara Ragone, Jack Ragone and Paul Ragone; stepchildren, Thor Olavsrud, Stein A. Olavsrud (Beth) and their children Lucy and Chase Olavsrud, Jini Friedman (James Spear) and Grant Friedman(Dayana) and their children Gigi and Nina Friedman. Also, his beloved brother, Wayne Smith’s wife, Sally S. Smith, their children Sean Smith, Laura S. Towle and their families.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 12 noon at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St.,

Easton, where friends may call from 10:30 AM to 12 noon.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Service

NOV 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *James William Smith*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *James William Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *James William Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Just found out about Jim's passing. What a guy. His presence always raised the spirits in the space. We were in the Sima unit. He was a very professional Chief Petty Officer, one of the best. Knowing how much he will be missed, I will pray for an ocean of God's Grace to see you and your family through this difficult period.*

*All the best
Carl Mantegna*

Carl Mantegna - February 25, 2020 at 11:16 AM

BJ

“Fair winds and following seas” to the passing of a real man. Jim, with his great personality and knowledge of his trade, was a magnet to the younger sailors wherever he served. He was a super shipmate and friend, one of a kind! Thanks for the privilege of serving with you.

*Bob Johnston
Senior Chief Electricians Mate, Retired, USNR*

Bob Johnston - December 17, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JM

“ We are sorry to hear of our cousin Jimmy's passing. Our condolences.

*Pat Kelbel Stockdale, JoLynn Kelbel
Markiewicz and Amy Kelbel.*



JoLynn M Markiewicz - December 02, 2019 at 06:52 PM

TS

“ TINA SCHILLINBERG lit a candle in memory of James William Smith



TINA SCHILLINBERG - December 02, 2019 at 11:39 AM

GD

“ To Sandra, Shari and family.

We were so sorry to find out about Jim. We've known and enjoyed his friendship for a very long time. We had lots of fun in the Naval Reserve. We have a found memories of our last get together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Miki and Gordon Dunn.

Gordon Dunn - November 29, 2019 at 03:27 PM

JB

“ Jack and Pamela Bishop purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James William Smith.



Jack and Pamela Bishop - November 26, 2019 at 05:40 PM

PB

“ Jim was a charming and special man and that lovely smile! Jack and I send our deepest condolences to you Sandra, and the whole family. Love, hugs and prayers and we'll see you on Saturday.
Pamela

Pamela Bishop - November 26, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James William Smith.




November 26, 2019 at 02:27 PM

BK

“ Jim had a quick sense of humor and a very fun loving guy to be around. The Class of 1959 will miss him also. Such fond memories.
Bonnie Marvel King

Bonnie Marvel King - November 25, 2019 at 12:58 PM

 Susan Brandli

“ Sandra and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was always a delightful and fun person to be around. He will be sorely missed. We are sorry also that we can not be with you at this time.

*Sincerely,
John and Susan Brandli*

Susan Brandli - November 24, 2019 at 06:00 PM

GS

“ Jimmy enjoyed attending the Catonsville Senior High School Class of 1958 annual picnics at the Patapsco State Park. He enjoyed talking with classmates and getting their take on the fun things in their lives. The Class of "58" will miss him.
Jimmy will never die as long as those he loved, never forget him.

*Glenn F. Sappington
Annapolis, Maryland*

Glenn F. Sappington - November 23, 2019 at 10:59 AM