



Joseph "Phil" Smith

December 21, 1944 - July 11, 2011

J. Phil Smith

Trappe:

J. Phil Smith passed away on July 11, 2011 at home surrounded by family and friends. Phil was 66 years old. Born in Easton on December 21, 1944 he was the son of the late Grace Balderson Smith and Joseph Carroll Smith.

Mr. Smith attended school in Talbot County. He started working on the water at age 8 in his boat the "Four Sisters", built by his father and Uncle Austin Smith. He grew up to become a commercial waterman until 1964 working from his home port of Oxford. Mr. Smith was the Superintendent of Maintenance for the Town of Oxford from 1969 to 1981, a commercial waterman again from 1988 to 2001, and he worked for Willow Construction in Easton from 1988 to 2001. Phil was known as a "Jack of all Trades". He was a plumber, electrician, carpenter, farmer, welder, and a general handyman. If he didn't know how to do something, he would ask friends and sit up thinking until he figured it out.

Beginning a long career on log canoes as a bale boy with his uncle, Captain Buck Richardson, he advanced to the outrigger and then spring board sailing on the Island Bird, Island Blossom, Oliver's Gift, Billy P. Hall and the JD with his Dad as a captain.

Mr. Smith attended Oxford United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company from 1960-1982 and served as a trustee and several terms as Chief Engineer. He was a member for 28 years of the

B.P.O.E. #1622 in Easton and a member of the Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Association.

Another hobby that took his time and money were his antique John Deere tractors. He tractor pulled for many years with his son, Robert and sister, lone. He loved to restore antique plows which he took to the Schwaninger and Atlantic Tractor Plow Days. Because of his love for the water, he collected and restored antique marine engines which he exhibited around the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland. His passing has left many projects undone.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years, Mary Ann Tarr Smith, a son Robert Carroll Smith and his wife Daphne of Trappe, a daughter Rebecca Chase Smith and her companion, Eddy Jones of Trappe. Phil is also survived by 5 grandchildren; Phillip Ireland, Scott Ireland, Amanda Grace Barnhart and her husband Patrick, Zane K. Fanning, and Grace A. Fanning, and one great-grandchild Emma Rose Barnhart. He is also survived by four sisters and a brother; Shirley Merryweather and her friend Roy Hicks of Easton, lone Smith and friend Shannon Nichols of Zephyrillis, FL, Carol Crickenberger and her husband Albert of Federalsburg, MD, Eleanor Edgar of St. Petersburg, FL, and Richard Smith and his wife Cindy of Easton.

Friends may call at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, on Thursday, July 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., where an Elks Memorial Service will be held at 7:45 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 15 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peach Blossom Rd, Easton. Burial will follow in Oxford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department, 300 Oxford Rd, Oxford, MD 21654 and the Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph "Phil" Smith*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph "Phil" Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph "Phil" Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *6FTf9I gpvtpqhnvhig###imported-begin##gopzeuqhv###imported-end##*

August 09, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ *LDItV4 gvlpaquwlhv##imported-begin##blmezbnmop##imported-end##*

August 05, 2011 at 12:27 PM



“ *Way to use the intenert to help people solve problems!###imported-begin##Clarinda##imported-end##*

August 05, 2011 at 05:32 AM



“ MaryAnn, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. Although I have not been at "Memorial" for a number of years I still remember with fondness some of my coworkers. My sympathy to you and you family##imported-begin##Mary Wood(Marshall)##imported-end##

July 17, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ Mary Ann and family,
Mom, Brett and the rest of the family send our condolences to your family on your loss.
Cindy##imported-begin##Cynthia Lawson for Annette Embry##imported-end##

July 15, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ We pray that God Bless Mary Ann and the entire Smith family during this difficult time that came far too soon.##imported-begin##Ed & Lauren Kimlin##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 01:29 PM



“ Phil will be missed so much by both Benny and I but we know he is in good hands with Mom and Ben. He will be keeping watch over all of us and knows how very much we loved him.##imported-begin##Suzanne Forrest##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ This family will sorely miss Uncle Phil. He always had a good joke or a funny comment to make everyone smile. I will cherish all of the wonderful memories I have of his smile and great laugh.

Rest in peace - we love and miss you.

Love,
Carol Anne, Mike, Tom, Maggie & Gracie##imported-begin##Carol
Anne Ziegler##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 10:49 AM



“ Mary Ann and Family, we are saddened by Phils passing. He does not have to suffer now. His loss will be missed and remembered by all who knew him. Please rest assured that you grieving will pass in time, but his memory will never leave your heart. May God be with you at this sad time.##imported-begin##dORA & bILL
bALDERSON##imported-end##

July 14, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ mary Ann and Family, we are saddened by Phils passing. He does not have to suffer now, but his loss will be missed by all who knew him. Please ret assured that you grieving will pass in time, but his memory will never leave your heart.

*mAY gOD BE WITH YOU IN THIS SAD TIME.##imported-
begin##Dora & Bill Balderson##imported-end##*

July 14, 2011 at 10:21 AM



“ Dear Ms. Maryanne, Chase, Carroll, and family, my deep hart felt condolences go out to you. Uncle Phil was a big part of my childhood as I hung out around your home, at the firehouse, and what every our families did together. Uncle Phil was definetly a symbol of Oxford. I will miss his smiling face and his laughter. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Stephanie.##imported-begin##Stephanie Hunter##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 12:21 PM



“ I have been blessed in my life and one of the greatest things was to have had the pleasure of calling Phil my friend, we worked together laughed and cried together. He was my brother! I had the great honor, which the Smith family gave to me last week. The honor was being able to watch over Phil (Bay) for a few nights last week, I would not have traded that time for anything. Phil is at peace and I know who was waiting for him when he passed. He truly loved his family and friends! We all will miss him so much.
Ben##imported-begin##Ben Forrest##imported-end##

July 13, 2011 at 11:23 AM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Dal##imported-begin##Dal Mallory##imported-end##

July 12, 2011 at 10:53 PM



“ *Mary Ann and family,
Am so sorry to hear of Phil's death, but please know that there are worse things than death. Phil is no longer suffering. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
All my love,
Dal Mallory
dal.mallory@yahoo.com##imported-begin##Dal Mallory##imported-end##*

July 12, 2011 at 10:51 PM



“ *Ms. MaryAnn - I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Phil's passing. I'll never forget babysitting for Carroll and Chase. My sincere condolences to you, Carroll and Chase.
Love, Debi##imported-begin##Debi Roth Bowles##imported-end##*

July 12, 2011 at 09:54 PM