



Leonard Earl Smith

August 17, 1916 - April 15, 2009

Leonard Earl Smith of Grasonville, MD, died on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Heartland House in Grasonville, MD. He was 92.

Born August 17, 1916, in Grasonville, he was the son of the late Earl H. and Helen Sabins Smith. He was raised in Grasonville, and, on August 17, 1937, he married the former Elizabeth Beck. During World War II, he worked in the shipyard, and in 1947, they purchased and operated the Smith's Trading Center in Grasonville for 40 years.

Throughout the years Mr. Smith was known as the unofficial Mayor of Grasonville and remembered fondly for the old country store he ran on Main Street until the 1980's.

In addition to earning the reputation as a good friend and neighbor, Mr. Smith earned the distinction of being the only Queen Anne's County Commissioner elected to four consecutive terms. He is also the only Queen Anne's County Commissioner to have been elected as President of the Maryland Association of Counties.

It was during Mr. Smith's tenure as County Commissioner that developers of the planned community Columbia, considered developing Wye Island. Mr. Smith was the driving force preventing the development of the

environmentally sensitive Wye Island.

While serving as County Commissioner, Mr. Smith dedicated Mowbray Park and Chesterwye Center, broke ground at Route 18 Park and served as President of the County Commission during the Bicentennial Celebration, which included hosting the visit from Princess Anne of Great Britain.

Additionally, Mr. Smith is a founding father and lifelong member of both the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Company and the Bay Country Moose Lodge in Queenstown, the Queenstown VFW #7464, Knights of the Pythians, Queenstown Bank Board of Directors 1956- 1997 where he was Director Emeritus. During his terms as commissioner, he helped establish the Sanitary District and on October 26, 2004, the Leonard Smith Trail was named after him in Grasonville, MD.

Mr. Smith is survived by a son, Joseph B. Smith and his wife Margie of Queenstown, MD; daughter-in-law, Joan H. Smith of Centreville, MD; sister, Helen Marie Golt of Chester, MD; four grandchildren, Donna Smith Turner, Donald L. Smith, Andrea Ambruso, and Randy J. Smith; two step-grandchildren, Joshua Whiteley and Christy Whitely; great grandchildren, Billy Knotts, Matthew Smith, Heather Jarrell, Mallory Smith-Buellis, Brody Smith, Casey Smith and Abigail Smith; step great-grandchild, Jarrett Whiteley; great-great-grandchildren, Taylor Smith, Will Jarrell, Delaney Knotts, and Dalton Knotts.

He was pre-deceased by his wife, Elizabeth Smith in 2005; son, William Leonard Smith in 1991; sister, Madeline Warner and Sylvia Volkman; brothers, Howard Smith, Earl Smith, John Smith and Charles Smith.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centreville, MD, at 11 a.m.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 3-7 p.m.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Easton, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Dept, P.O. Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21658 or to the Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 01, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Leonard Earl Smith* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Leonard Earl Smith* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Leonard Earl Smith* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ How sad to hear of the passing of Mr. Leonard Smith. I remember him from the days when I use to visit his grocery store and run around with his son, my classmate in school (Billy Smith). Billy was a great friend and Mr. Smith operated a really nice store and was very friendly to anyone coming into his store. May god be with members of the family. He was a true gentleman will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Bob Thomas##imported-end##

April 21, 2009 at 10:28 PM



“ We have all lost a great man. Mr. Leonard will be missed so much by all of us. We are left with the wonderful memories we have. All you have to do is look around Queen Anne's County and you can see so many places he has touched. We are a better place and better people because we had him. xoxo Bev##imported-begin##Beverly Coursey##imported-end##

April 20, 2009 at 08:44 AM



“ TO THE SMITH FAMILY SORRY FOR YOU LOSS HE WILL BE MISSED GREAT MAN DID A LOT FOR EVERY ONE MY PRAYERS ARE FOR THE FAMILY PHYLLIS MARTIN WARDENSVILLE WV##imported-begin##PHYLLIS COCKRILL JONES MARTIN##imported-end##

April 19, 2009 at 02:09 PM



“ Donna and all your family...Way up here in Sudlersville we have some wonderful memories of Leonard. He was a good mentor to me while he was still a County Commissioner. He was a kind, caring man and will live in my memories as a true Gentleman and a Queen Anne's County treasure.##imported-begin##Lucy George Kimble##imported-end##

April 17, 2009 at 10:19 AM



“ What a great man!! I know he will be missed by all . I grew up knowing and loving the Smith Family . Mr.Leonard has gone to a far better place but has left behind alot of great memories.My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Terri (Jones) Baxter##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 03:43 PM



“ Andrea,
I'm so sorry for your loss but you know that heaven have received yet another great angel. You and your family are in my prayers. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Lakeisha Snipes##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 01:27 PM



“ Joe,
Pop was truly the kindest and most generous man I have ever known. I have so many wonderful memories that I will always keep close to my heart. He is now with Mom and Bill, looking down and feeling proud and blessed for such a wonderful life he had. He has touched so many lives and will be truly missed. It was an honor to know him and to have been part of the family for many years. I will never forget those years.##imported-begin##Carol Lorenz##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 11:16 AM



“ *Mr Smith may be gone but will not be forgotten. He was the same everytime I met him and his dear wife. Wonderful people. Thank you Mr. Smith for all the you did for Paul and I. A lost to this earth, but a new blessing in Heaven.##imported-begin##Sharlene Bullen##imported-end##*

April 16, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ *Andy sorry to hear about your lost,my prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Love Jackki##imported-begin##Jackki Tiller##imported-end##*

April 16, 2009 at 10:36 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a great man.##imported-begin##Stephanie Morris##imported-end##*

April 16, 2009 at 10:35 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I have very fond memories of Mr. Leonard, he was a very special, kind and loving person in my book.##imported-begin##Jeanne Knapp Gahley##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 10:24 AM



“ The Directors, Officers and Employees of Queenstown Bank of Maryland send our most sincere condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Judy L. Vera##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 10:24 AM



“ Donna- I extend my sympathy to you. I know how much your grandfather meant to you and how you looked up to him, sought his advice, admired him, and took care of him and your grandmother in their later years. He was a wonderful man and has left quite a legacy. May he rest in peace!
Jane Anthony##imported-begin##Jane Anthony##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 10:05 AM



“ To the entire smith family, those i know and those I don't . Let me first say that there was no other man that was so gentle, kind and loving , I used to frequent his store as well and Josie is right he genuinely loved people especailly his family and you could see his love in his smile , he was truly a gentleman in every aspect his live and we should always follow his example and thsi world would be a better place . He was great, loving, generous, and giving person and though he is gone please let his memory and the vision of the man he was live on always within you . And he is with Jesus now who is telling him what a great job he did on earth serving him and now he is being rewarded by sitting at the right hand of the Lord Jesus himself .I go on and on for there are so many words that describe Mr Leanord but I will keep it short, he was such a gem in this sometimes cruel world .. just cherish his memories . I am praying for each of you ..
##imported-begin##Kathy Lee Hyde
##imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 09:04 AM



“ *Dear Joe and Family,
There are no words to express the loss we all feel for Mr. Leonard.
There are so many stories and fond memories. He was a kind and
generous gentleman.*

*I remember when I was a kid and we would go do our "dealing" at
the store he always had a smile and piece of candy to great us.*

*When Mr. Leonard was running for county commisioner he asked
me to hand out some flyers on election day. He gave me this red
white and blue hat to wear, which even then seemed pretty corny to
me. But it was for Mr. Leonard and there wasn't anything I would not
do for him.*

*I remember when Mr. Billy was sick and we would take him in the
ambulance, Mr. Leonard came over and with tear filled eyes he told
me he was glad that I was the one that would be taking care of him.
For me there was no greater compliment.*

*Mr. Leonard deeply loved his all of his family and was always ready
with a picture of his newest edition to share with you. I know you will
all miss him greatly but take peace in knowing that his love for his
family and friends lives on in all of us.*

*We can honor him by living our lives using his as a model, practice
the love and generosity that he came so natural to such a great
man.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you,

Josie Simons###imported-begin##Josie Simons###imported-end##

April 16, 2009 at 07:48 AM



“ *To the Smith Family: Another sad day in Queen Anne's County. We have lost a gentleman and a man that love his family, friends and County. I was so lucky to have worked for such a wonderful person and boss who respected the County employees and was always there for us. I want to extend my deepest sympathy and prayers at this time and I know Mr. Leonard is surely in heaven with his Elizabeth. God Bless and may your memories of him always be with you. He will never be forgotten. Lynda Palmatary, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##*

April 15, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ *Andy:
I am sorry for your loss and am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.
Love,
Tina Doonan##imported-begin##Tina Doonan##imported-end##*

April 15, 2009 at 04:15 PM