



Lawrence M. Smith Jr.

December 23, 1937 - May 6, 2020

Lawrence M. Smith, Jr. age 82 of North Tazewell, VA died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, VA. He was born December 23, 1937 in Beckley, WV and was the son of the late Lawrence M. Smith, Sr. and Iva Smith. Mr. Smith retired as a District Manager from Frontier Phone Company, having worked for the former GTE, Citizen's Telecom, and Frontier Phone Companies, which all evolved into Verizon; he had worked in that field for over thirty-years. He was a 1956 Graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, WV and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Concord University. He was a United States Army Veteran, having served in the Korean War. Mr. Smith was involved in many civic organizations: the PTA, both on local and state levels; Rotary International Club where he served as local President and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award and he was a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club. His latest venture, for over eighteen years, was managing the Bluefield Laser Wash, where he loved interacting with and taking care of his customers. Mr. Smith was an avid WVU sports fan and enjoyed horses, fishing and golfing. He loved his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son; his twin sister, Carol Smith.

Those who survive to cherish his memory include his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Elnora C. Smith; one daughter, Pam Waddell and husband, Marc of

Tazewell, VA; one grandson, Caden Tyler Waddell of Tazewell, VA; loving pet dog and companion, Ziva; a host of other family members and friends also survive.

Due to the Corona / COVID – 19 pandemic, the family will have a Graveside Service for Mr. Smith at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020 at the Miller Family Cemetery in Rock Creek, WV; social distancing will be observed and there will be no visitation prior to the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to a favorite charity in memory of Lawrence M. Smith, Jr.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Smith and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Miller Family Cemetery

Rock Creek, WV

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Miller Family Cemetery
Rock Creek, WV

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence M. Smith Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Lawrence M. Smith Jr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for you loss, Lawrence was a good friend and fellow Appaloosa horse lover. We attended many shows together, went on trail rides and were members of the WV Appaloosa Horse Club. Lawrence and his good friend, Chuck Asbury took me under their wings and taught me a lot about horses. Lawrence was always upbeat and in a good mood, except when a guy drove through the car wash with something on top of his truck and tore it up. Miss you Buddy, rest in peace.*

Larry Moorman

Larry Moorman - May 10, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Mr Smith was a kind man. He would come into my place of work and light the whole place up. We truly adored him. Many prayers for you all.*

jennifer strock - May 09, 2020 at 07:18 PM

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“ My condolences to the Smith family. I was a patient sitter working in the hospital this day two door down in the ICU unit. I've never seen or knew Lawrence. I wanted so bad to go hold his hand during his passing as I heard all the bells go off and I knew what was happening. Due to the Covid-19 mess he couldn't have family members with him by his side and my heart broke for him and his family. I pray he will get the military recognition he deserves under these circumstances for serving our country... THANK YOU Mr. Smith for your service. I never met you Lawrence but I will always remember you. You matter, you made a difference, you left your print in this world.
Love, comfort and prayers to this family
Tammy Fuqua



Tammy Fuqua - May 09, 2020 at 11:19 AM

BC

“ My heart is heavy today for the loss of my, dear friend and for Elnora, Pam, Caden and Mark. We have been together for so many years in work and all of us as friends that I can't begin to express my sincere sense of loss. I am always here, if you need anything at all. May God surround all of you with His love and peace now and in years to come.

Love and Prayers,
Betty Conn

Betty Conn - May 09, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ Betty Conn lit a candle in memory of Lawrence M. Smith Jr.



Betty Conn - May 09, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Lawrence was an amazing individual. He served his country, loved his family, friends, community and never met a stranger. His smile was contagious. For the past 18 years he has touched the lives of every area College, grade school-high school, & club organization through his hard work and generosity at the car wash donating weekly proceeds & Saturday kids work days for their fundraisers. He always put others before himself. It was an honor to be his friend & part of his family. With his favorite lemonade - A toast to a man who was so stubborn, loved his family with all his heart, loved that car wash, a loyal food city deli lunch man (if we didn't see him everyday -we knew something was wrong) and to our sweet, caring, devoted friend - Sadly missed, a new journey begins - we will meet again.



With our deepest sympathies,

The Thurston's - Emily, Bill, Alexis, Bryan, Christopher, Virginia, Cody, Chewy, Black Jack, Chiquilina, Fiyero, Nanook, Hudson, Newt and Paco.

Bill Emily Thurston - May 09, 2020 at 08:00 AM

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Elnora, Pam and family. My deepest sympathy to you on the passing of Lawrence.

Walter Harrison

Walter Harrison - May 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MW

“ *Eleanor & Pam, we are so sorry to hear of Lawrence passing, has been many years since we had seen Lawrence, but we have lots of wonderful & fun memories of you'll when visiting Sylvia 's house! Our thoughts are with you both! Love Mike & Dottie*



Mike & Dottie Wingo - May 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *My heart is broken! Lawrence, you were there at the times in my life, when I needed an extra boost, when I was feeling alone, and needed a shoulder. You were my “second Daddy”. I will forever love you. Elnora and Pam, my heart breaks for you all. I so wish I could see you, but my heart is with you all, and my prayers. I love you all. Lawrence, say hello to Daddy and Sheila when you get Home.*

Debbie Ratliff - May 08, 2020 at 06:59 PM