



Frank D Smith Jr.

September 26, 1926 - July 6, 2020

Frank D. Smith Jr., Son of New Jersey
Shaped by Family and Community

Family and community. Friendship and fellowship. Stewardship and generosity. Those are the words—and the values—that defined the life of Frank D. Smith Jr. of Lumberton. He died at his home in Lumberton, New Jersey. He was 93.

Frank Smith was a man of boundless energy, warm-hearted humor and drive. For 55 years he could be found at a desk, or behind the wheel of an oil truck at Frank D. Smith & Sons, a fuel oil business his father had founded in 1925. He took over the business in 1968, and when his son Chip (Frank Smith III) was old enough, he joined the business and father and son worked side by side until Frank retired in 2006.

Frank Dewey Smith Jr. was born at home in the village of Rancocas, NJ on September 26, 1926, to Frank D. Smith Sr. and Helen Buzby Smith. By age nine he was behind the wheel of various trucks and tractors on the roads of southern Maine where, for eighty-seven of his ninety-three years, he spent so many joyous summers. It was there, as a boy, that his life-long desire to lend a helping hand to anyone and everyone began to crystallize.

Known to his many friends as Smitty or Sunny, he freely gave of his time, labor, and abilities. He redefined generosity. So many people have shared touching stories of how Frank helped them out in ways that would never be forgotten.

Vigorous, outgoing and athletic, he enjoyed few things more than the company of other people, most especially his family. Smitty made connections everywhere he went, at the golf course, at restaurants, at work, traveling, and at The Rancocas Meeting House where Frank was a “birthright” Quaker.

He attended Rancocas Valley Regional High School (class of 1944) where he starred in football, basketball, baseball and track, and was inducted into the RVRHS Athletic Hall of

Fame in 1964. He also played semi pro football for the Mount Holly AA's. At Marietta College in Ohio, (class of 1951) Frank played football and rowed on the crew.

Frank was Trustee/Treasurer of the Rancocas Monthly Meeting, and Treasurer of the Burlington Quarterly Meeting. For many years he was President and Treasurer of the Mount Holly Vincentown Kiwanis Club and a Volunteer Fireman for Rancocas Fire Company #1. He was in the US Army Air Corps in 1944-1945.

Other organizations where Frank was active include BPOE, Mount Holly; Trustee New Jersey Fuel Merchants; Board Member of the South Jersey Oil Heat Association; Member of the South Park Gun Club; Member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Burlington Country Club and the Provence Lake Country Club in Parsonsfield, Maine.

Making human connections, helping others and making his community a better place to live was what he did. He made it look easy.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Judith L. Smith, and their children: Frank D. Smith III, Deborah Ann Smith, (and her husband, David A. Seibert), Linda G. Massey (and her husband, Richard Pelletier.) He is survived by 10 grandchildren: Janet Massey, Lauren Smith, Christine Smith, Shannon Hansen (and her husband David Hansen), Kortney Smith, Bryanna Smith, and Kristin Seibert, Jason Seibert and Eli Seibert. His great grandchildren are Luke Hansen and Cole Hansen. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Virginia Wells Smith, and his many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Thomas Buzby Smith (and his first wife, Virginia Blake Smith), and his sister, Eugenia Smith Steelman (and her husband, Earl Steelman).

Due to the Pandemic, Funeral Services and burial will be held privately. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Rancocas Monthly Meeting would be appreciated. Contributions can be sent in care of Frank D. Smith III, 149 Country Club Drive, Lumberton, New Jersey 08048.

Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly.

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Comments



“ To say we are deeply saddened about the passing of “Smitty” is certainly an understatement....

We feel so very lucky to have shared so many wonderful, memorable times with Judy and him at Balch Lake.

From going to delicious breakfasts at Kristy’s on Sunday mornings, to the “ON The Road Rides With Smitty”.... in which we saw so many wonderful sites around Me and Nh

No to mention all the times people had get togethers and shared lots of fun and laughter- I know some people will never gorget the “Cow” story!!!!

He was such an incredibly Wonderful Person-

We all will miss Smitty a great deal... But he will always live in our hearts and memories

All our Love, Thoughts and Prayers go out to Judy and his Family...

God Bless

Most Lovingly,

Richard and Nina

Nina Skavenski/ Richard Schreiber - July 20, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ I knew Frank for over 20 years. I was the Regional coordinator for Burlington Quarterly Meeting (Quakers) and Frank was on my oversight committee. He was always kind, supportive and a gentleman. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

Frances Campbell - July 14, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ To the entire Smith Family,
We are saddened to hear about Mr. Smith's passing. I have known him and his family my entire life and always looked forward to their vacation time at Shady Nook. In the last couple of years, I enjoyed the many stories he had to tell about growing up at the lake. We will miss him greatly. Hold onto those memories!
Elaine and Bob Hall

Elaine Hall - July 11, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ My thoughts go out to his family. I grew up with Chip at the lake. Many great memories!

Rondi Large - July 11, 2020 at 02:24 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Frank. A real gentleman that I had the honor of knowing. Met Frank while bowling on the firemen's league. Always greeted you by name. Condolences to the Smith family.

Martin Bruce - July 09, 2020 at 05:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all!

Beverly Benedict Arriaga - July 09, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Very sad to hear , he lived an amazing good life. Thoughts and prayers, and hugs to the family. Love ya, Joy Foster

Joy Foster - July 09, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ So sorry for your loss we just lost my mom on July 4 I have a lot of fun memories of Frank he was always so pleasant God bless your family

Patricia Rainier - July 08, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Condolences to the Smith family from Carol and Rex...Frank was a good man, widely respected and friend to all....

Rex - July 08, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith Family. I first remember the Smith RV-Clapperton Moorestown Thanksgiving tradition. Frank & I would reminisce about those great games on the golf course. Frank thanks for the great memories. RIP.

Steve & Becky Masters - July 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Say hi to the rest of our family!Proud to be your niece

Ellen Oskirko - July 09, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ Dear Judy &family, We are truly sorry to hear of the passing of Sunny,we remember the great memories of him when you visited Nova Scotia .Canada and also when we visited Ruby in Balch Lake&Denmark Maine ,, he loved to have a good chat...,, you will miss him dearly,,, Thinking of you all,,,Love Dewey,,,Agnes,,,Jenny,Joy & laila. Pearo,,, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia ,Canada. R.I. P .dear friend..

Melvin D.Pearo - July 10, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ Judy and family,
We all were so sad to hear of Smitty's passing. He was a dear gentle man. We loved to visit and talk about the way Shady Nook has developed over the years. He was a treasure and will be missed by so many. Sending hugs to you Judy from Maine.

Love, Linda and Alan Baker

Linda Baker - July 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM