



David Wesley Smith

February 11, 1941 - January 28, 2023

David Wesley Smith of Medford, son of the late John and Violet Smith, passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Leighton, PA. He was 81.

Born in Philadelphia, Dave was a longtime area resident. Dave was a member of the Rancocas Valley Class of 1960 and attended Rider College. He worked in the field of Civil Engineering for Alaimo Associates in Mount Holly for over 35 years. Dave was very involved in the Mount Holly Community. He was a Volunteer Member of the Mount Holly Fire Department and served as Fire Chief from 1979-1980. He was a longtime member and Past Exalted Ruler at Mount Holly Elks (BPOE) #848. Dave served on the Mount Holly Zoning Board and Parks and Recreation Committee for several years. A devoted Christian, Dave was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Mount Holly and more recently, Fellowship Alliance Chapel in Medford. He enjoyed golf, traveling the world, skiing, trains, and church activities. Above all, Dave treasured his family and time spent with them. He loved going to all his children and grandchildren's activities and sports. He was a number one fan cheering on the teams. He was always available to pick up a grandkid or run an errand for the family. He was loved so much by all and truly devoted. Dave was grateful to take his family to Hawaii to share in the magic of the island where he married the love of his life, Gwen. He will always be remembered for his love of the beautiful Hawaiian palm tree.

He is survived by his beloved wife Gwen of over 59 years; 2 daughters: Lori Smith of Marlton and Kelli Smith Svensen (husband Erik) of Medford; 4 grandchildren: Megan Gunkel (Joe), Ryan Szelc (Erika), Bryce and Brayden Svensen; and 1 great-granddaughter Kinsley Gunkel.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Center at Fellowship Alliance, 199 Church Rd., Medford. Please use the Church Road entrance. Relatives and friends may visit with the family on Friday evening from 4pm – 7pm at the Perinchief Chapels and on Saturday morning from 10am – 11am at FAC. An Elks service will be held on Friday at 7pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dave's memory may be made to Unite for Her at www.uniteforher.org which supports breast cancer patients or to a charity of your choice that has impacted your life.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High Street
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399
info@perinchief.com
<http://www.perinchief.com>

Elks Service

FEB 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Alliance Chapel
199 Church Rd
Medford, NJ

Use the Church Road entrance and the doors closest to Church Rd side of the building.

Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Alliance Chapel
199 Church Rd
Medford, NJ

Use the Church Road entrance

Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 03, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 02, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 02, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 02, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 01, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 01, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Days making the pond at Seneca come to mind. Dave's help, humor, enthusiasm. Dave being Dave. Thinking of you Gwen. KB*

KB - February 01, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



February 01, 2023 at 12:54 AM



“ *Gwen, Lori, Kelli and family:
I was shocked to hear that Dave has been called to the house of God, but I know he has left many gifts of memories in exchange. Prayers being sent to all of you 🙏
My deepest sympathy,
Sheila Keller Pawlak*

Sheila Keller Pawlak - February 01, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *A beautiful tribute to a wonderful gentleman. I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. Mary Alice Horos*

mary alice horos - January 31, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Dave's passing. When I started my career at Alaimo Engineering, Dave taught me so much. He was a very kind a caring man that I will remember forever. Jeff Paul*

Jeff Paul - January 31, 2023 at 01:16 PM

MB

“ Sorry to hear about the loss of David. Volunteered with David at the Mount Holly Fire Department. Always looked forward to see him in Wildwood at the firemen’s convention. May he rest in peace.

Martin Bruce - January 31, 2023 at 07:09 AM

BS

“ We grew up in church together. Dave never failed to mention that if we were both meeting someone we didn’t know. He was truly a people person

Betsy Sweeney - January 30, 2023 at 07:35 PM

CG

Dave was simply the best. His passing leaves an unfillable void for everyone whose path crossed his. All who knew him grieve with you, Gwen, Lori, Kelli, and your entire family. Forever wouldn’t have been long enough. We’ll miss you, Dave. ❤️🙏🕊️

Carol Graf - January 31, 2023 at 02:46 PM

EP

There are no words to express the sadness of losing David - so I will borrow the words from James Taylor:
"I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end.
I've seen lonely time when I could not find a friend.
But I always thought that I'd seen you again."
Please know that i am thinking of you and your family Gwen. We all loved Dave.

Eleanor Poplar - January 31, 2023 at 03:35 PM

TF

I'm saddened to hear this. I was on Dave's survey crew at Alaimos during my summer vacations in college in the early 1970's. He was an absolute delight to work with and I admired him greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Thomas Fooks - January 31, 2023 at 09:02 PM

JJ

We were shocked when we read the obituary for Dave. We enjoyed the many conversations with Dave at the coffee shop in Medford Lakes. To Gwen, Lori, Kelli and your entire family, we will pray that God gives you peace and strength during this time of sorrow.

Jack and Bettie Juriga - February 02, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wesley Smith.*



January 30, 2023 at 07:25 PM