



James Allen Smith

November 20, 1948 - August 24, 2020

James Allen Smith, 71, of Fairmont, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2020, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born on November 20, 1948, in Fairmont, a son of the late Earl “Smitty” Leonidas Smith and Viola Virginia (Smallwood) Smith.

James attended State Street school and East Fairmont High School. Afterwards, James went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army with over 20 years of service. He served in the Vietnam Conflict and retired as a first Sergeant in 1988. He later retired from the Times West Virginia as a Distribution Manager. He will be remembered for his love of cooking (especially Vietnamese cuisine), collecting 8 Track tapes (which he was proud to say he had over 8,000 of), Sun Fest at Ocean City with his loving wife Sheila, and Sunday dinners with his family. He will be missed by many. He often left “I Love You” notes for his wife sporadically around their home.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Sheila (Summers) Smith and her mother, Barbara Summers, whom he loved dearly and routinely took to local music shows and surprised with fresh flowers.

He is also survived by his children whom he loved dearly: sons, James Smith Jr. and wife Kendra, of Ohio, Daniel Drew Smith, of Fairmont, Evan Smith and wife Shelby, of Tennessee, and Austin Glenn Smith and wife Rachel, of Tennessee; daughter, Kristin Kolbert and husband Andrew, of Tennessee; brothers, Burl Smith and wife Barbara, Louis Smith and wife Diane, of Shinnston, and Richard Smith and wife Mary Jo, of Alabama; sisters, Lillian Brady, of Fairmont, Lois Freeland and husband Bill, of Florida; sister-in-law, Cathy Henderson and husband Alan, of Fairmont; grandchildren, Hester, Ariel, and Destiny; as well as several loving nieces, nephews, and cousins, and his dog Boo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Smith and Earl Smith; sister, Mildred Merrifield; two neices Harriett A. Smith and Belinda Smith; sister-in-law, Julia Waneta Smith; brother-in-law, Junior A. Brady; and his father-in-law William Summers.

Friends and family may call at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home on Sunday from 1 – 7p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Services will be held at the funeral home on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Brother Bruce Hunter officiating. Interment will follow at West Virginia National Cemetery with Full Military Honors conducted by the Marion County Veteran’s Council Honor Guard and the United States Army Reserves at Camp Dawson.

Cemetery

WV National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV,

Events

AUG **Visitation** 01:00PM - 07:00PM

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AUG **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sheila,

Bob and I are so sorry for your loss. Misty told us about Jim collecting 8 track tapes and we gave several to him. He always treated me well when I visited Misty when she stayed there. He was a good man. He will be missed by many. Prayers for you and the family.

Bob and Mary Brand

Mary Brand - August 29, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Sheila,

I am so sorry for your loss. I know from the kind words Luke spoke of him, he was a great man.



Ronald Eagle - August 28, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of James Allen Smith, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, James Allen Smith, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 28, 2020 at 03:38 AM



“ I went to high school with Jimmy and we dated for awhile my senior year.He was a gentle, kind ,young gentleman .He always insisted on walking me home after school to know I got there safe . I'm so happy to know he lived a good adult life and raised a nice family and I'm proud he served our country in a very hard time and came home safe. RIP Jimmy and peace to the family he leaves behind.

Sandi VanGilder - August 27, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ I will miss you Uncle Jimmy. You have always been my American Hero. Thank you for your service to the United States. Rest in Peace. With Loving Memories.

Your Niece,
April

April Smith - August 27, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

Vicki Nichols - August 27, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ So sorry for the Families loss of their Loved one, he was a very nice man.



Anne J Renshaw - August 27, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Dear Sheila
I am so sorry for your loss. Jim was an all around good guy, kind to everyone he met. We all grew up together. I know he will be sadly missed by all of you. I pray peace and comfort for the days ahead.
Beckie Rennie Fravel

Beckie Fravel - August 27, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ One of the kindest men I ever met. Always asking if I needed a ride or anything he could help with... if he saw me walking down the avenue. I'm sorry to hear he's gone.



Deanna Thomas - August 26, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ Good times we had gone but not forgotten

Steven Efaw - August 26, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ This saddens me to read of Jim's passing. I worked with Jim for many, many years and there isn't anything this man would not do for you. He was a kind, gentle soul and I treasure the years as his colleague. My sympathy to his family, especially, his wife, Sheila. He truly was one of the best! Toni Ricer

Toni A. Ricer - August 26, 2020 at 07:03 PM