



Rev. Stephen A. Smith

February 7, 1952 - January 4, 2024

Rev. Stephen A. Smith, of Pittsfield, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2024, just one month before his 72nd birthday. Born in Farmington, ME, on February 7, 1952, the son of the late Ernest and Astrid Park Smith, he graduated from Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, and completed seminary at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas.

Stephen's faith was of utmost importance to him, and his passion was sharing that with others. He was the minister of the First Church of the Nazarene in Maine, and currently of Pilgrim Holiness on Elm Street in Pittsfield.

In his earlier years, Stephen created many handcrafted pieces of furniture, each intricate in their own manner and extremely well-made. Stephen also had a talent for painting and, over the years, built a myriad of his own creations.

He is survived by his siblings, Brenda Christiana, David E. Smith (Bonnie), Janice Letson (Calvin), and Philip Smith (Jennifer), as well as many dear nieces and nephews.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Rev. Stephen A. Smith will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024,

at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Burial will be private. There will be an hour of visitation at the funeral home directly prior to the service, from 11 am to 12 noon. Additionally, a celebration of Stephen's life will be held in the late spring of 2024, notice of which will be updated.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Stephen's memory can be made to Pilgrim Holiness Church in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

203 Wahconah St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ His prayers and his smile and his fortitude in adversity has left a legacy that will be sorely missed.

Sandy Kolva - April 10, 2024 at 07:19 AM

TM

“ I remember him as pastor smith he was always a fun loving person and he also baptized me and he was always serious when he preached about our Lord I remember also going with our church family and going roller skating and having lots of fun my condolences to his family he was one of a kind



Tammy Meads - April 01, 2024 at 12:19 PM

NR

“ I am saddened to just now become aware of Steve's passing. My daughter, Georgianna Stryker and I would like to express our condolences to his family and friends, on his death.

We met Steve many years ago In Stephentown, NY where he was living with his parents and sister Brenda. He rode his bike to my house and was chased by our huge dog. It scared the daylights out of him but it didn't chase him from his path which was to help guide us in our search for answers. We attended his services in his garage and later in his living room. Over the years we became friends and enjoyed his company very much. He was so fun and dedicated to our Lord. He will be sorely missed. He was such a good guy.

I know for certain that he is now with God.

Nancy Raimer - March 29, 2024 at 09:56 AM

RF

“ *Roxanne Flint(mills) lit a candle in memory of Stephen Smith*



Roxanne Flint(mills) - January 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

RF

“ *My condolences to Steve’s family. I met him in the 80’s when he became pastor of my church in Maine. He instilled a strong faith in me that I still hold strong to this day. I will remember him with a smile .*

Roxanne Flint(mills) - January 20, 2024 at 09:54 AM

SS

“ *I will always smile when I think back of times when Steve and I got to know each other as Teens, Singing in The Grace Trio, and being roommates in college. Never a dull moment! Your friend, Steve Shook*



Stephen Shook - January 09, 2024 at 10:12 AM

SR

“ *Steve was always happy and positive. He was fun to be around. He also loved the Lord and wanted to win as many souls as he could to know the Lord. He will definitely be missed. Sheila Rombeiro*

Sheila Rombeiro - January 08, 2024 at 04:56 PM

LC

“ My heart is filled with sadness hearing of Steve's passing today-- but joyful for him that he is with the Lord who he served so faithfully and fervently all his life. We were friends from back in our teenage years and he and his whole family hold a special place in my heart. I send my love, prayers, and condolences to all his family and all who loved him.

Linda Crowley - January 08, 2024 at 03:15 PM

NT

“ I was so blessed to have a 68 year friendship with Stephen as we attended elementary and middle school together. Stephen pastored in Wells, Maine when we pastored in Eliot, Maine. I will cherish our trips with Brenda and Janice to Jackman, Strong and Monhegan Island. I loved his stories of his childhood in Strong and funny stories about his paper route! I will miss his phone calls and look forward to a great reunion. Brenda, David, Janice and Philip and your extended families are in my prayers. Love, Nora

Nora Wilson Therrien - January 08, 2024 at 12:45 AM

NT

“ Nora Therrien lit a candle in memory of Stephen Smith



Nora Wilson Therrien - January 08, 2024 at 12:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Stephen A. Smith.* ”



January 07, 2024 at 12:12 PM

“ I cannot express my thankfulness to God for Bro. Smith. I was so lost and broken. I prayed the best I knew how for answers. God led me to the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Pittsfield, MA May 2007. He greeted me with the warmth of Christ. My first impression was, "He knows who God is and I don't!" He preached a message on Isaiah 6, Woe is me for I am undone! I went to the altar and wept. Later that night I was invited to the Duclos home. There on their kitchen floor I prayed clear through to victory!

Bro. Smith was a man who walked so close to God! He truly had a shepherds heart! Megan was saved less than a year later. Bro. Smith took us through the articles of faith, gave personal counsel, gave Megan and I premarital counseling, and married us. So many times was he in our home teaching us and praying with us! When Megan and I had children, he adopted them as his own grandchildren! Our youngest two were born in Saranac Lake and yet they still knew and loved Bro. Smith as a grandpa. He stayed in our homes many times!

So many times I've prayed with him! So intimately did he know the Lord. He was as simple as a child when he prayed!

I recall, in 2019, he came to visit us in Rome, NY. At that time he was more often in a wheel chair to get to and from the car. I watched him crawl on hands and knees, playing with the kids holding them in his arms, kissing them, encouraging them to surrender all to Jesus and praying with them. He often told us he prayed for each one of us daily by name. As he was leaving, I was helping him get from our steps into his wheelchair. I asked him how he was really doing and asked him if he was having a hard time with dark days. He turned to me and started weeping. He said there were difficult days but the presence and nearness of Christ was something he would not trade for anything. He said these sufferings brought him nearer to Jesus.

Even in his suffering, he was always trying to encourage others. He

often was praying for others. I have never met any other man so self-sacrificial and kind. He told me he once had such a terrible anger problem that caused him to harm others physically. He turned to me, as we were driving in a car, with tears in his eyes and told me how wonderful the grace of God was to sanctify him wholly and change him completely!

This man was and is worthy of all honor, deserving of a double portion but he would tell you he was an unprofitable servant and all the glory is God's! Brother Smith, I love you dearly, I will see you in the morning!

Erik Samborski - January 05, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ *The Williston United Ag & Turf Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Stephen A. Smith.*

The Williston United Ag & Turf Family - January 05, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Stephen A. Smith.*



January 05, 2024 at 02:03 PM

JJ

“*Rev. Stephen A. Smith was a true soldier of the Cross. A life well lived for Jesus. He influenced and will continue to influence my life to live as Jesus would live. Throughout the days that he lived he truly was "Jesus" in the flesh. His life and now death will continue to inspire and challenge me to walk "in the footsteps of Jesus" He truly loved God and loved people. The Schenectady Pilgrim Holiness Church continues to pray for Brenda and the rest of the family. We love you. May you find God's grace sufficient as you walk through this valley together.*

*Rev. John A. Peabody, Jr.
Pastor
Schenectady Pilgrim Holiness Church*

John A. Peabody Jr - January 05, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JW

“ Around 1994 bro Smith was put out of his position as an elder and ordained minister in the Nazarene church. He had been pastoring the Wells, ME church at the time.

He was struggling with this turn of events when a former church member told him about the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Haverhill. Bro Smith showed up one day out of the blue, and surprised all of us with his enthusiasm and spirit.

My father had a heart for start up churches so when he heard that the former members of the Nazarene church who had stood with Bro Smith were encouraging him to preach for them, we started attending services with them in Sanford, ME.

We met in the Reed's living room for a number of years starting right before I went back to Penn View Bible Institute in 1995.

Eventually this led to establishing the Christian Holiness Church in Sanford, Maine.

We moved from the living room to a rented room downtown.

I have great memories of the two times we climbed Mt Chicorua in the white mountains together, he was also known for riding his bicycle to visit church members, some who lived a good distance away.

Bro Smith helped officiate in our wedding in 1999, and finally was led to resign in 2000 or so to help care for his parents in Dalton, Massachusetts.

He was the first person I talked to about receiving my call to preach at Victory Grove camp in 2003, because I was still shocked by it, and valued his advice so much as an experienced pastor and Christian.

I treasure every phone call and letter we shared .

My sister and parents both have paintings he did, they're a treasured gift from him. My father preceeded him to glory by one year, I'm sure they are rejoicing together.

Josh withe - January 05, 2024 at 05:36 AM

RK

“ You have fought the good fight. You have finished the course. Thank you, Stephen, for being a faithful servant of the Lord. I love you and will miss you until we meet again.

Rosanna Kingsley - January 04, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LR

“ Love and prayers, Nora and Rosie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Stephen A. Smith.

Love and prayers, Nora and Rosie - January 04, 2024 at 08:59 PM

LR

“ Love and prayers, Nora and Rosie purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Rev. Stephen A. Smith.



Love and prayers, Nora and Rosie - January 04, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RO

“ Rosanna lit a candle in memory of Stephen Smith



Rosanna - January 04, 2024 at 08:22 PM

FD

“ *Back in 1976 Steve and I shared an apartment. Steve was the easiest person I have known to share living space with. Kind, thoughtful, ready to compromise - Steve acted out his faith.*

Fred Dinsmore - January 04, 2024 at 08:01 PM

BC

“ *I went to school with Stephen from kindergarten until he moved after the 7th grade. We had a friendship that lasted through the years. He was a sweet soul who loved the Lord above everything. My prayers to Brenda, David, Janice and Philip. The world has lost a dynamic person and heaven has gained one.*

Becky Croteau - January 04, 2024 at 07:39 PM