



Stephen "Smitty" Smith

January 15, 1961 - July 4, 2024

Stephen "Smitty" Smith, 63, of Pittsfield, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, July 4, 2024, with his beloved dog, Gypsy, by his side. Born in Albany, NY, on January 15, 1961, the son of Mary McLaury Smith and the late Donald W. Smith, he grew up in Voorheesville, NY, and graduated from Voorheesville High School with the class of 1979. He later, in 1983, earned his degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Ever since he was young, whether on the basketball court in high school, working in his father's garage, or custom painting cars with his friends, Smitty consistently strove for perfection, always having a blast while doing so.

Stephen's work ethic was especially apparent as he, following in his father's footsteps, began work at General Electric in Pittsfield. He traveled extensively for work (around the country and overseas), always bringing back gifts and numerous tales of his adventures. Stephen took great pride in his profession and received many accolades and awards from General Electric, Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin, and General Dynamics. Over the 40 years he dedicated there, not only did Smitty's career expand immensely, but he also made many close friends with whom he often went out with after work.

Smitty loved being on the lake, in his garage, and at gatherings at his home.

Among many things, he was a boater, snowmobiler, car mechanic wizard (like his dad), and stereo equipment/ music connoisseur.

Besides his mother, Mary Smith, Stephen is survived by his sister, Jeannine Brearton (Arthur), of Denver, NC, his best pal and sidekick, his mini-Australian Shepard, Gypsy Skye, and his life partner of 18 years, Virginia "Ginger" Roach, of Pittsfield, MA.

Smitty was the kind of man that everybody loved being around. While he will be sorely missed, his friends and family find comfort knowing that his 63 years of life were lived to the fullest.

Funeral Notice:

A celebration of Stephen's life will be Friday, July 26, 2024, from 2pm to 6pm at the Berkshire Hills Country Club, 500 Benedict Rd, Pittsfield MA 01201. For those who have photos to be shared at the celebration, please contact Dwyer Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Rd, Pittsfield MA 01201.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Berkshire Hills Country Club
500 Benedict Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

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Stu - July 26, 2024 at 07:52 AM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - July 25, 2024 at 04:39 PM

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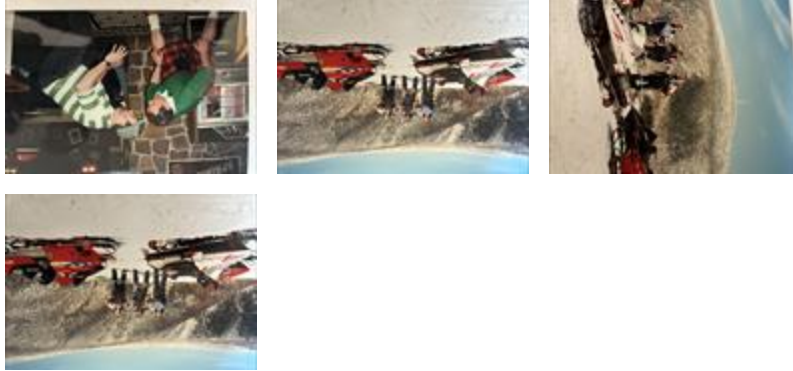
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Stu & Steve



Steve & Stu - July 25, 2024 at 10:37 AM

SW

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Stuart Wriighthouse - July 25, 2024 at 09:10 AM

LM

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Smitty. I was planning on coming out on
Friday but my mother is having alot of health issues at this time.
Please know you are in my prayers and thoughts. If you need
anything don't hesitate to call me. Lois Marks*

Lois Marks - July 23, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ We have been colleagues and friends with Smitty for over 25 years. Our initiation with him, whilst supporting an upgrade to Royal Navy equipment in Scotland, changed our perception of the way Americans appreciated humour! During our interactions we worked hard and played harder. A couple of the many memories are the time we were in Pittsfield for training. Smitty burst into the lab with the statement, course suspended? It's snowing and we're going snow mobiling! We did, a blast. The other was after a long afternoon/evening in the Iron Bell, Smitty declared right it's time I got the UK guys home. He did, drove the GMC into the foyer of the Crowne Plaza right up to front desk, we rolled out the car doors, his response to startled receptionist, I think they're yours and reversed out. What a guy, will be sorely missed. Steve & Stu..

Steve and Stu - July 23, 2024 at 04:09 AM

VR

“ I worked with Smitty for a few years now and I am moved by his kindness he demonstrated to many individuals. He was truly a great person and he will live on in the memories of so many people who had the honor of knowing and working and having fun with him. Vic Ruiz

Vic Ruiz - July 22, 2024 at 02:46 PM

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Clive - July 18, 2024 at 03:40 PM

CG

“ *I've known Smitty for about 40 years, and we have some great memories: Working in Components, working on cars, shooting pool, just having fun. I'm probably the only girl that has been chauffeured to the Crossroads bar in a Limo! You were an awesome guy, gonna miss ya Stephen! Cindy Golin*

Cindy Golin - July 14, 2024 at 12:33 PM

RQ

“ *Mary, Jeannine & Ginger, my deepest condolences to you and the entire family on the passing of Steve. We began working together at GE on the LP gun program in the 1980s and became fast friends. I was in awe of his ability to fix anything mechanical; he possessed skill and intelligence so rare. I went on to work with him driving his limousines and ran the business for many months when he was in Arizona. His kindness was incredible, we most always had fun doing weddings and proms. Steve taught me so much including how to work on the moody Princess limo which he loved. He had a huge heart (he wouldn't admit it) when I had to leave work due to illness, he frequently checked in to make sure that I was ok. I visited with him last fall, he seemed happy and content, I was happy for that. He lives on in the memories of all who knew him. Rob Quagliani, Richmond, MA*

Robert Quagliani - July 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

MS

“ My sincere condolences to the family, Stephen and I had never met but, he was my second cousin, our fathers were cousins, we shared Great Grandparents; Philip H and Mary Whitten Warren Smith sympathy to all

Mike Smith - July 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM

MA

“ My sincerest sympathies, many great memories growing up on depot rd. VW's, always VW's... or that darn British racing green TR7. Painting cars, changing tires by hand with tire irons, plenty of memories, whew!!!! He'll be missed....

Mark Applegate - July 13, 2024 at 09:26 AM

DO

“ Smitty was an exceptional friend and colleague. The numerous trips to support the US and UK Navy's Training Facilities will always be found memories. He always found a way to do trips on off days and was an amazing tour guide. His contributions to our nations defense should make all his loved ones proud. He'll be missed but he leaves a lasting legacy of just doing it right. Sincerely DanO

Dan O'Connell - July 12, 2024 at 04:14 PM