



## Craig Matthew Smith

November 21, 1961 - August 11, 2022

Craig Matthew (“Matt”) Smith, aged 60, passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022 following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Craig was born on November 21, 1961 and lived in Scarsdale, New York until his family moved to Winter Park, Florida in 1973. He was a graduate of Lake Highland Preparatory School in Orlando, Florida and matriculated to Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama.

After graduation he met the love of his life, Diane, marrying her in 1990. Among many interests, they care for a herd of pets that has included dogs, birds and reptiles. Among them were Craig’s beloved German Shepherds: Pooka, Elwood and Jake. He enjoyed working on cars and any sort of home improvement project. Craig’s “MacGyver” instincts were always evident in his resolution to automotive or household repair challenges.

Throughout his life, Craig pursued several careers. He is a U.S. Army veteran with deployments to Korea and Egypt. He served as a helicopter Crew Chief and Standardization Instructor in the Army Aviation Brigade, 12th Aviation Battalion for much of his military service. Following his honorable discharge, Craig operated a furniture restoration business in northern Virginia. He had clients in Washington, D.C., and surrounds. Craig recounted the adventures he had navigating through post 9/11 security checkpoints with a van load of tools and equipment. Following the passing of his business partner, he and

Diane relocated to central Florida. Putting his military experience and mechanical aptitude to good use, Craig worked in the defense industry for the remainder of his professional career.

Craig is survived by his wife of 32 years, Diane Smith, his brother Mark Smith (Bobbie) and many first and second cousins. He is predeceased by his parents, G. Elliott Smith and Catherine M. Smith.

A Celebration of Life will be held starting at 1pm on Wednesday, August 31st at A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations ([www.acommunityfuneralhome.com](http://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com)).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to K9s For Warriors ([k9sforwarriors.org](http://k9sforwarriors.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 31. 1:30 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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Mark Smith - August 24, 2022 at 10:28 PM

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Mark Smith - August 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ He was one of my best friends in high school and shared many adventures together. I love him and he will be greatly missed. Heaven has another Angel ❤️😭🇺🇸🌹

Laurie Bailey - August 20, 2022 at 10:35 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear this news about Matt. I worked with him for several years at Kratos and I remember him being such a kind person, willing to lend a hand or help out with whatever asked of him. My prayers go out to his family and friends. Rest in peace Matt.



Christine Gardini - August 18, 2022 at 04:13 PM