



David L. Smith

February 13, 1946 - August 16, 2018

David L. Smith was born February 13, 1946 and passed away at his home in Orlando, Florida on August 16, 2018. He was 72 years old. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio to Lawrence and Emma Watkins Smith and was raised in Vienna, Ohio. He graduated from Matthews High School in 1964. He was a proud United States Air Force veteran serving one year of overseas duty in Taiwan during the Vietnam war. He graduated from the University of South Florida and worked for National and Pan American Airlines. When Pan American began to downsize he followed the job for as long as he could working in New York and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He finally decided he missed his family too much and gave up the job. He went to work at Inland Container in Orlando where he became a supervisor. Down sized again, he became the warehouse distributor for the Florida Department of Transportation where he retired in 2011. His strong work ethic and desire to always do everything to perfection made him a very valuable employee. He always did his best and expected the same from the employees he trained and supervised. He loved to teach and encourage them to be the best they could be. He was a dedicated family man who taught and coached his daughters in softball and life. He was always ready to share his knowledge and advice. He gave his very best to everything and everyone whose life he touched. He lovingly cared for his wife through two very serious cancers. He attended and loved his church on the lake, Central Florida Drive-In Worship Service. Towards the end of his life he had to deal with illness but continued to live every day to the

fullest and never lost that special “Dave” sense of humor enjoyed by all who knew and loved him. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 43 years; Sandra Carver Smith and his daughters and special sons: Heather Ensign Lacy (Bryan) and Holly Ensign Reese (Jason) and his sidekick Brutus Buckeye. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Even though he loved them all, his remains will remain in his beloved Florida.

Memorial services will be held in both Florida and Ohio.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 21. 5:00 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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“ Dave was and will always be the best employee I ever had. He taught me more than he could imagine about the warehouse at FDOT. He is still in my heart and mind. I know we will meet again and it will be a beautiful reunion. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends. May God give you comfort and support.

Mike Tracy

Mike Tracy - August 21, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mike Tracy - August 21, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *David L. Smith.*



August 21, 2018 at 12:07 PM

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“ From, Mel Camarinos & Ann Hudson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David L. Smith.



From, Mel Camarinos & Ann Hudson - August 20, 2018 at 07:48 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to the Smith family. We enjoyed having Dave as a patient. He will be missed by everyone here at our office.

Dr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Wagner

Dr.& Mrs. Dennis M. Wagner - August 20, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David L. Smith.



August 20, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ Love You Dad



Heather Lacy (Ensign) - August 20, 2018 at 02:08 PM

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“ As a condo neighbor, I will remember Dave walking the 2 dogs, later 1 dog, and stopping to say hi. He and Sandy were also regular attendees at our monthly condo board meetings. He wasn't afraid to speak up and voice his opinions either. A kind person and gentleman is how I would best describe him in a few words. He will be missed! Janice O'Brien

Janice O'Brien - August 20, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Dave was (and is) a remarkable soul! When I first met Sandy and Dave years ago (Holly and Jason's wedding in 2000), I immediately adored them both. I felt so comfortable in their presence, and really enjoyed recipe-swaps and cooking conversation with Dave - what a marvelous chef. Sandy, you and Dave were always a joy to be around; very inspiring in your love for each other and your family -both 2-legged and 4-legged. Pete so enjoyed meeting you two in January, and only wished it had been under happier circumstances. Our prayers are with you all; please know Dave's love surrounds you and his legacy lives on through you.



Much Love and Peace,

Shannon and Pete

Shannon Ensign-Spillios - August 18, 2018 at 06:36 PM