



## Donald Hammond Smith

May 17, 1955 - November 6, 2024

It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of Donald Hammond Smith, on November 6, 2024. Born May 17, 1955, in Oswego, New York, to Theodore William Smith and Jacqueline Brenda Hammond Smith, he was the second oldest of 6 children: Theodore (Ted) William Smith, Jr., Dwight David Smith his estranged twin brother; Rebecca Smith Radliff, Maggie Anne Smith, and William (Will) Thomas Smith.

After high school in Cobleskill, New York, he spent a few years as a United States Merchant Marine. Following that he spent the rest of his career in construction, first with Hughes Construction, then his own company, D&D Smith Constructors with his brother, and finally with Greer Contracting.

While he was very good at construction and it was how he earned his living, his reason for being on this earth was his service to others, and a legacy of kindness, integrity, patience, and a tireless work ethic followed him everywhere, and will continue to inspire and uplift us. He was always about doing the right thing, using common sense, and humor. We liked to say no backing up. He never stopped trying to help others. He was positive, fearless, and had a keen and curious intellect.

Don loved birdwatching and playing music from an early age; both brought him such joy, and for a time, music was his career. He met his wife, Mary

Kathleen Dwyer-Smith, in 1982 while playing his 12-string guitar at Rossi's Pizza, and their romance began. He leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Kathleen, who will miss this amazing man who made her feel cherished each day. He is also survived by his two sisters Rebecca and Maggie and brother Dwight, and nieces and nephews, and untold friends. He was preceded in death by both parents, and brothers Ted and Will. He will also be missed by every person whose path he crossed.

Don will be missed beyond measure by all who knew him. We will always love him, and he will be forever in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to a charity of your choice.

We will bid a heartfelt farewell to Don at a memorial service on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at A Community Funeral Home and Sunset Cremations.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cliff and Tina Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Hammond Smith.*

Cliff and Tina Cooper - December 02, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *Cliff and Tina Cooper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Hammond Smith.*



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“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Hammond Smith.*



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“ I did not have the good fortune to meet Don in person, but only through his lovely wife, Kathleen. Every time she speaks of him it is with so much admiration, warmth, and love that I know he had to be a special man. I hope the memories and laughs shared will help heal the hearts broken by such an immense loss. RIP Don.

Suz Tapy - November 22, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JH

“ Don was always a pleasure to work with. He was always more concerned about how you were doing than anything else. He will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jonathan Helms - November 22, 2024 at 01:33 PM

BB

“ One of the finest, hard working, giving and talented men I have had the privilege to cross paths with. He did his job with perfection and class. Tremendous loss and I will miss Don and his wonderful sense of humor. I'd say rest in peace but I bet he's fixing or building something in heaven...

Bo Bradford - November 21, 2024 at 06:20 PM

WJ

“ Don was a great man he did anything and everything for everyone. I admired him for his work ethic and the kindness and love that he brought to everyone around him. He will surely be missed but never forgotten. My love and prayers are with the family. God Bless

Will Reyes Jr - November 21, 2024 at 12:38 PM