



Ross Marvel Smith

April 8, 1921 - March 16, 2012

DELMAR- Ross Marvel Smith, 90, of Delmar, died Friday, March 16, 2012 at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury.

He was born April 8, 1921 in Georgetown, a son of the late Rodney A. and Mary A. (Powell) Smith.

Ross was born and raised on the family farm where he learned the value of hard work and found his love of the outdoors. After high school he proudly served his country in the US Air Force where he learned to be a bombardier navigator. He was a long time, active member and lay leader of the former Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Delmar, which later merged with St.

Stephen's United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Delmar Masonic Lodge 201, AF &AM, where he served as past worshipful master, the Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter, where he served as past worthy patron and the NUR Temple in Wilmington. After returning from the Air Force he went to work for John Hitchens at Delmarva Asphalt, where he worked a number of years. In 1967 he purchased the company with a friend and renamed it Delmarva Paving and worked until his retirement in 1984.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, whom he married January 23, 1942, Alma Lee (Hearn) Smith; a daughter, Mary Jo Moore of Delmar; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Anne "Frannie" Smith, who passed in 2005; 2 sisters, Harriet T. Smith and Frances Smith; and a brother, Hugh P. Smith.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where family and friends may call from, 1:00 to 2:00. The Reverend Lori Twilley will officiate. Interment will follow the services at St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar.

To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
Delmar, De

Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E. Grove Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ross Marvel Smith*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Ms Alma Lee & Mary Jo -- Jeannette and I wish to extend our sympathy regarding the loss of Ross, our friend and Dad's Best Friend. So sorry it happened at a time when we were unable to be with you at the services. The wonderful memories and feelings we have about him will quickly override the sorrow we feel. We wish the same will be in store for each of you. He was truly a special man.*

With loving thoughts and God's Blessings.

Sincerely -- Bo & Jeannette Hudson##imported-begin##Bo & Jeannette Hudson##imported-end##

March 26, 2012 at 11:43 AM



“ *Alma Lee, and Jo,
I just saw the obituaries, and I am so sorry about Ross's passing. I know he will be greatly missed. I always loved talking to him; he had attended elementary school with Howard's mother. Please accept my condolences, and call me if you need someone with whom to talk.*

Donna Elliott Culver##imported-begin##Donna Culver##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 05:28 PM



“ The above thought was from our entire family with much love, Betty Lloyd, Ann and Robin Street and Lisa and Randy Ellis. We are thankful for the opportunity to have been friends with such a wonderful family.##imported-begin##Lisa Ellis##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 04:09 PM



“ Alma Lee and Jo: Our family is saddened to hear of the passing of Ross. Over the many years of our friendship, we have spent many wonderful times with your family. Ross was always looking out for someone else other than himself and always was available to help in a time of need. Many laughs, cups of coffee, dinners, meetings and barbeques are some of the great times we have in heart to remember with you. We are sure Dick and Daddy to us, was there to welcome him to their eternal home that we all hope to achieve some day. Your and our memories will help us through the days and weeks to come. May God Bless you both.##imported-begin##Lisa Ellis##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 04:05 PM



“ Mary Jo.I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. I will certainly miss that horn blowing ,wave and wonderful smile when he drive past my house.I will be out of town today but will have you and your Mom in my thoughts.Love You Friend.##imported-begin## Mary Lee Pase##imported-end##

March 21, 2012 at 09:19 AM



“ God be with you and your mom in this hour of great need.##imported-begin##Rosalynn Baker##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 01:11 PM



“ Dad and I are deeply saddened with the news of Ross. Dad had only the highest respect for Ross, not only as a partner in business but more in the friendship they shared. Not once have I heard him speak badly of their relationship over the 50 years. I am truly blessed to have had the honor to have known Ross Smith, especially as a friend.##imported-begin##Shirley Hudson Chaney##imported-end##

March 20, 2012 at 09:10 AM



“ We are all very saddened with the passing of Ross, we've truly lost a great man and wonderful neighbor. Our prayers and thoughts are with Alma Lee, Mary Jo and thier family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Michael & Glenda Reinhardt and family##imported-end##

March 19, 2012 at 09:41 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. I went to school with Frances Ann back in the 1950's. My mother and father (Louise and George Morris) thought very highly of all of you. I can still remember when you lived on Elizabeth Street across from Mill's grocery store. All of you were truly great people. It is quite amazing how time goes by, I am 66 and live in Baltimore now .##imported-begin##Calvin Morris##imported-end##

March 18, 2012 at 04:09 PM



“ *I was so sadden to hear of Mr Smith's death. He was truly a wonderful man. He was one of my favorite clients at Wilmington Trust. He will be missed and my thoughts are with you.*

Ellen Lynch##imported-begin##*Ellen Lynch*##imported-end##

March 18, 2012 at 11:51 AM