



Raymond Franklin Smith

June 1, 1951 - March 11, 2023

Raymond Franklin Smith, 71, of Fort Washington, MD died on March 11, 2023, at the Veteran's Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Raymond was born on June 1, 1951 in Washington DC to Maradell (Pine) and Willie Franklin Smith, and was raised in Prince George County, MD.

Raymond proudly served aboard the destroyer USS Fiske in the United States Navy, where he "sailed the seven seas and saw the world." He enjoyed working as Farm Manager for veterinarian Dr. Jerry Tepaske, raising cattle, sheep, donkeys, llamas, and one buffalo. Raymond loved caring for the animals so much, he would name each one with an appropriate nickname. He learned animal medicine by reading Jerry's veterinarian publications and asking probing questions. Raymond enjoyed helping neighbors by fixing their equipment. He especially enjoyed downing trees, sawing them up, and splitting wood. He was an avid deer hunter, always chasing the elusive "monster buck" and leading the drives during family hunting trips. Everyone who knew Raymond will remember him as a big talker; he loved to socialize with family and friends, and tell stories about his personal adventures (even if he had told the stories already.)

He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Bryans Road, having previously served at Broadview Baptist Church in Camp Springs.

He is preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, John Roderick Smith.

He is survived by his daughter, Rebecca L. Snyder; grandson, Jonah Snyder; brother, Ronald Smith; and sister, Roxanne Smith.

Friends will be received on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 10:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM at Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD 20646. A Graveside service will follow at 2:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 3702 Loren Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3702 Loren Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Franklin Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Raymond Franklin Smith*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Cathy and Mark Kniefel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.*



Cathy and Mark Kniefel - March 30, 2023 at 12:38 PM



“ *Jerry and Sue TePaske purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.*



Jerry and Sue TePaske - March 29, 2023 at 04:07 PM

BO

“ 1 file added to the album *Raymond Smith Snapshots*



Bob - March 29, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



March 29, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



March 28, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



March 26, 2023 at 02:30 PM

WP

“ With love from Michelle and Philip purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



With love from Michelle and Philip - March 25, 2023 at 10:33 PM

FP

“ I am so, so sorry to say I cannot be with you for Ray's funeral events. I will be with you in spirit and send condolences to the family as you go through this time of sorrow and loss. Frankie Dew

Franklin Dew Pitts - March 24, 2023 at 07:22 PM

RR

“ Ronnie, Mitzi and Roxanne purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



Ronnie, Mitzi and Roxanne - March 22, 2023 at 10:25 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Franklin Smith.



March 21, 2023 at 02:58 PM

RS

“ 6 files added to the album Raymond Smith Snapshots



Ron Smith - March 18, 2023 at 02:42 PM