



## Donald "Don" Smith

September 12, 1936 - August 15, 2017

Donald "Don" Smith, age 80 of Wheeling died Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in his home.

He was born September 12, 1936, in Leechburg, PA, the son of the late Ralph and Olive Rearick Smith.

Don was an IUP graduate with a bachelors degree in Mathematics and taught high school math. He also worked for Mellon Bank. Don retired as a payroll manager for Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel. He was a United States Army Veteran. He spent many Sunday afternoons cheering on his favorite team the Pittsburgh Steelers. He will be sadly missed by his loving family and faithful friends Tom and John.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Ruth E. Smith; one daughter, Kelly (Gus) Saines of Wheeling; one son Dr. Jeffrey (Heather) Smith of Morgantown, WV; three brothers, Robert (Carmella) Smith of PA, Gary Smith of CO and Richard (Judy) Smith of WA; two sisters, Sandra Mangini of VA and Patricia (Wayne) Smith of PA; five grandchildren, Madeline Saines, Dakota Smith, Jack Saines, Brayden Smith, and Barrett Smith; three sisters-in-law, Jane Smith, Donna Smith and Marian Collier; three brothers-in-law, Larry Collier, William Smith and Marion Smith and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10:30am at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1225 National Road, Wheeling with Fr. William

Matheny as celebrant.

Private interment at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mesothelioma Foundation, 641 S. Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 or [@curemeso.org](mailto:@curemeso.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **21**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Catholic Church  
1225 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ i knew Don for over 50 years. He had a great sense of humor, he was very intelligent, and he loved his family in a quiet unassuming way. If there was a problem, he always tried to solve it. He loved with an easy grace and was never selfish about sharing the people he loved when there was a need. I will miss his kindness, the laughter in his eyes and the strong ethics he lived by.

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**Marian** - August 24, 2017 at 11:02 PM

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“ I worked at Duvall Center when Don worked there. I was in the End User support IT department. Don always had a smile. I ran a lot of road races and would see Don at a few of them when he was running. Ran into him at the gas station at Krogers a year or so ago and that was the last time I saw him.

*Michael Malek*

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**michael malek** - August 22, 2017 at 05:03 PM

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“ I met Don AKA.....Smitty while delivering to Oglebay Resort. Though I only knew him for a short peroid of time. I know he was a special person who helped his buddy (Bulzie) get through his day. We truly miss seeing him,and not a time goes by when I'm at Oglebay (couple times a week) that we don't think about him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends,and wish I would have met him sooner than I did. Thanks Smitty for the laughs,and jokes we shared.

*The Curtze Boys!*

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**Kris Spohn** - August 21, 2017 at 06:15 PM

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“ Dear Kelly, Mrs. Smith , and Jeffrey,  
What a sweet, sweet man Mr. Smith was! I know how sad you are now, but remembering that he is at peace will help. I have much fond memories of both your patient mom and dad, Kelly. They opened their home to me and always made me feel welcome. I believe the angels are opening their arms and receiving Mr. Smith now. May peace be with you all. Sincerely, Emily Moore Myers

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**Emily Myers** - August 19, 2017 at 07:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Smith.



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August 18, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Donald Smith, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.  
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, Donald Smith, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - August 17, 2017 at 05:23 PM