



Thomas Earl "T" Smith

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Thomas Earl "T" Smith, 73, of Decatur passed away October 12, 2020. Tom was born September 25, 1947 in Lafayette, IN, son of Otis Earl and Margaret Jane (Deinhart) Smith. He married Judy Grigsby on September 7, 1968 in Decatur, IL at St. James Catholic Church. Tom proudly served as a Naval Flight Officer in the United States Navy for 23 years retiring in 1992 as a Commander. Following his military service, for 20 years Tom worked for the Decatur Housing Authority. He was a member of Saints James and Patrick's Parish. He was an avid golfer, often swinging his clubs at Red Tail Run and as a member of Southside Country Club. He had a love for Diet Coke and eating anything chocolate. Surviving are his wife, Judith; children, Jill A Corapi (Anthony) of Champaign, IL, Matthew T Smith (Julie) of Ft. Myers, FL, J. Brad Smith (Valerie) of Tampa, FL, Cassie Avers (Dan) of Roscoe, IL; siblings, Jim Smith (Suny) of O'Fallon, IL, Linda Suter of Jacksonville, IL, Mike Smith (Liz) of Omaha, NE. Loving Papa to Anna Corapi, Grace Smith, Thomas Corapi, Jane Smith, Charlie Avers, Sam Avers, Mary Avers, Camila Smith and Cristiano Smith. He joined his grandson Pete Corapi in heaven. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated, 12:00 PM Monday, October 19, 2020 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial will be 2:00 PM Monday at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL. Due to Covid restrictions and social distancing seating will be limited at the church. Masks will be required for all attending. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to University of Illinois NROTC, 505 E. Armory Ave, Suite 236, Champaign, IL 61820 Attn: Giving. Make payable to NROTC Alumni Fund. The Moran and Goebel Funeral Home have been entrusted with the care of Tom. Condolences may be left to his family at www.moranandgoebel.com.




Events

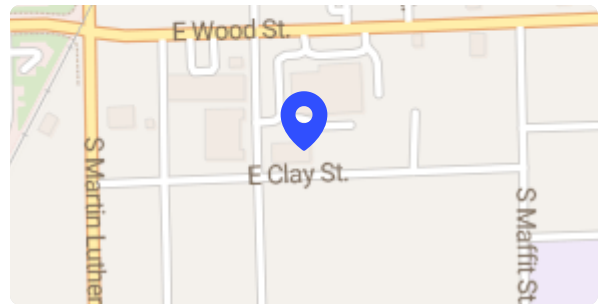
Thomas Earl "T" Smith

Mass of Christian Burial


 **Monday**, October 19, 2020

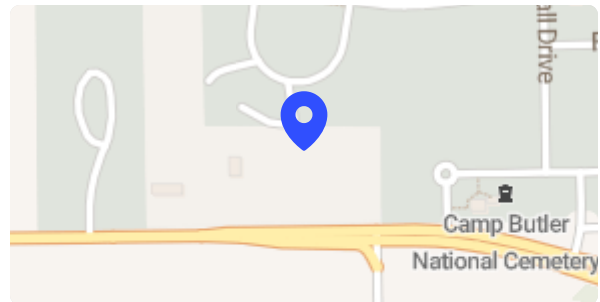
 12:00 PM CT

 **St. James Catholic Church**
742 E. Clay Street, Decatur IL 62521



Cemetery Details

 **Camp Butler National Cemetery**
5063 Camp Butler Road, Springfield IL 62707





Tribute Wall

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Kathryn And Kevin Wall posted:

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to the Smith Family. We were honored to meet Mr. Smith and spend time with him at the Peter Corapi Annual Basketball Tournaments here in Virginia. A truly lovely man. Peace to you all at this time.

October 26 at 4:41 AM



Jackie Kapper posted:

Dear Judy and family, I know your hearts are shattered. 😞 Tom will be missed by so many; he impacted many lives on so many levels. He treated everyone equally and respectfully. This I observed working with him at the Housing Authority. He was a great boss. A little chuckle though, when we saw that jaw set, it'd be best to shush or clear the area. 🤔 (But that was rare). My husband enjoyed chatting with him; it seemed they had alot in common. This I also know, he loved his "bride" and family wholeheartedly. The coming days will not be easy but I know you'll have so much support from family and friends. May God's merciful kindness and steadfast love be your comfort according to His promises. Jackie Kapper

October 20 at 5:37 AM



Joe Hammel posted:

Tom was always such a gentleman and a pleasure to work with. Sorry to hear of his passing and my condolences. Sincerely, Joe Hammel/Scovill GC

October 19 at 1:20 PM



Mike And Bonnie Slein posted:

Our heartfelt sympathy to you Judy and your family. You and Tom always brought a smile to our faces...such kind and giving folks. I tried to locate you in the Norfolk area to reconnect....to no avail. Please know the mark you left in our hearts. I still drive by your homes in the Point Section and at Fort Adams and recall those happy days!Love,Mike and Bonnie SleinNewport, RI.

October 19 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Smith family.



October 19 at 4:02 AM



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MY

Martha Yount posted:

Prayers of healing to your family, the Rick Yount family

October 18 at 4:38 PM

RB

Rena Boatman posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. I worked with Tom for several years and know how much he loved his family. He was a pleasure to work for at DHA. My prayers are with you all. Rena (Cooley) Boatman

October 18 at 2:51 PM

SB

Sandy Wilking Bray posted:

Judy and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Time spent on Graceland avenue is always a pleasant memory. Playing freeze tag, kick the can, and hide and seek. I can remember Tom first bringing Judy to meet everyone at my grandparents house, bringing Judy over to show us her paper dress she was wearing for the first time and of course your wedding. My thoughts and prayers for you and all the family at this sad time. Sandy Wilking Bray

October 17 at 1:09 PM

TA

Tonda Atchason posted:

Jude, sincere sympathies to you and the family at this sad time. Tom was always so fun when you came into the store and I enjoyed you both. May God hold you in the palm of his hand and provide you comfort. I know you have many great memories to sustain you now. Tonda

October 17 at 7:41 AM

TS

Tom Schneider posted:

My sincere condolences to the Smith Family! Tom was a great man and a great leader! I had the pleasure of working for him as a young police officer working an off duty job in Longview. He was truly a man of high integrity and was admired by all of us. May God Bless all of you!

October 17 at 2:11 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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