



Thomas Wilson Smith Sr

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Thomas Wilson Smith, Sr., formerly of Saegertown, Meadville and Erie, PA, departed this life for the next on Friday May 24th - surrounded by loved ones in his adopted home town of Clearwater, FL.

Tom is survived by his adoring and devoted wife of 54 years, Joyce Shuman Smith. Tom and Joyce were inseparable, living together as best friends and partners, building a wonderful life together, traveling the world and enjoying nothing more than each other – and their four loving children.

Those children are: Todd Franklin Davis, of Phoenix, AZ; Tamara Davis Haverfield, of Mansfield, OH; Tracey Davis Morrison, of Obetz, OH; and Thomas Wilson Smith, Jr. of Little Rock, AR. Todd's family includes his wife, Laurie, and Tom's grandchildren, Kyle and Erika. Tammy's family includes her husband, Gary, and their children Alyssa and Connor. Tracey has two sons: Spencer and Sean and tragically lost a little daughter, Stormi, many years ago. Tom Jr's children, the remainder of Tom Sr's 11 grandchildren, are Hayden, Sullivan, Addison and Harrison. Tom was blessed with a great granddaughter in 2016 when Kyle and his wife, Jania, brought Ripley into the world.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Frances and his sister, Patricia. He is survived by brothers Robert and Peter and sisters Kay and Judith. Tom served his country during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Germany as a map librarian, which resulted in his moniker of Sergeant Smith, and a life-long love of maps. On his return he pursued higher education at Allegheny and Edinboro Colleges, earning a master's degree in English. He loved poetry and literature and could always be counted on for a pithy speech, a pointed business letter or an off-color limerick.

Tom's early career involved both teaching school and trading stocks. He found his calling in school administration, managing every financial and logistical issue the



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Fort LeBoeuf school district could throw his way for over 25 years. When there was a problem with a bus route, he rode along; when the state said someone in the administration needed to be licensed as a sewage specialist, he went back to school and got a license as a sewage engineer.

After retiring and moving south, Tom's wanderlust came to full fruition. He and Joyce traveled the US – returning to Pennsylvania annually and visiting children and grandchildren every chance possible; rarely missing a graduation or birthday. His passport got a workout as well, as he and Joyce traveled the world.

Tom loved music and had a lovely tenor voice which he put to use in both the church choir and several barbershop quartets. His tolerance for bridge - and Joyce's tolerance of him as a partner - grew into a love of the game as he got older, and he became a pretty decent player. He was a stellar athlete throughout high school and college and played a mean round of golf until a few years ago.

Tom loved nothing better than sitting on the deck with Joyce and a glass of wine or a vodka tonic. She will sorely miss those moments. Those who knew and loved Tom should cherish the memory of his wit, his charm, his corny one-liners, his kindness and his steadfast love of family. His faith was deep and he strongly believed that one day he would meet the many loved ones who preceded him to God's Kingdom.

The family has scheduled a memorial service at Clearwater's Chapel by the Sea for Saturday, June 1st at 1:00. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a cause of your choice in memory of Tom.




Events


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Graveside Service

 **Sunday**, August 4, 2019

 12:30 PM ET

 **Saegertown Cemetery**
Saegertown PA





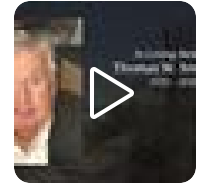
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Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Video**.



May 28 at 2:10 PM



Debra Spaulding July 28 at 3:12 PM

Dear Joyce, I have such great memories of working with Tom at FLB. He was so kind, funny and knowledgeable. A great mentor for a new administrator! My sympathies to you and your family. Debra Spaulding



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Smith family.



July 31 at 6:56 PM



Cathy Cole posted:

Dearest Aunt Joyce, Todd, Tammy, Tracey & Tommy & families, Our deepest sympathies are extended to you all! Uncle Tom led such a full and Happy life! Very evident in the video. I have so many warm memories of the times we shared, most precious to me was our time in Germany. He loved his family so deeply and was kind and warm to everyone. He will be truly missed. Mom & Dad & Grandpa & Grandma can enjoy his company in heaven. Much love, Paul & Cathy Cole (Elston)

July 8 at 12:59 PM



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Chuck & Dianne Stebbins posted:

Joyce, please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. Tom was such a kind and gentle man and a good friend and we will always remember the fun times we had at bridge and his "all rise" comment after dinner. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. God bless you, Chuck & Dianne Stebbins

June 4 at 4:32 AM



Kathy Dammeyer July 28 at 4:58 AM

Joyce So sorry to read in this morning's news of Tom's passing. Sounds like you and Tom have led a very fulfilling life since leaving Erie. As I pass "your" house on Mill Street, I recall the fun times we had playing bridge. Reggie O'Brien and I play regularly at the Erie Bridge Center. We miss Arlene there. You have my deepest sympathy. Kathy Dammeyer



Laurie Gipson posted:

Dearest Aunt Joyce, Todd, Tammy, Tracey & Tom(my) I cannot tell you how much joy I felt watching the video tribute to Uncle Tom. There was SO MUCH love displayed in your family that I know you all cherish each other greatly. What a beautiful family you have! One of the first thoughts I had was that "Fast Eddie" & "The Silver Fox" were together again, cracking jokes, drinking gin & tonics, playing pinochle & generally yucking it up in Heaven.....i have such very fond memories of Uncle Tom. He was such a teddy bear to me. Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss, but certainly Heaven's gain. Most affectionately, Laurie (Beth/BooBoo) Elway Gipson and my family Jay, Eliza, Ian & Brendan Gipson Atlanta, Georgia

June 3 at 11:49 AM



Marilyn O'Brien posted:

My deepest sympathies are with you and your family, Joyce. Tom will be dearly missed by all of us here at Sunwatch. Love and Prayers, Marilyn O'Brien

May 31 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Smith family.



May 31 at 6:11 AM



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SS

Sue And John Speck posted:

Dearest Joyce and Family, Our loving condolences. Tom was a wise, considerate gentleman who led a caring sincere life with Jesus as his model, guide, protector and Savior. We had so much fun together. He will always be in our memories of Church, Island Estates and Bridge. God bless and comfort you. Love and hugs, John & Sue Speck

May 30 at 3:46 PM

AM

April McAuliffe posted:

Tom will always hold a special place in my heart!! He felt more like family and I will miss him dearly!! Joyce, I will be here for you always, and will keep you and your family in my prayers. Love, April

May 28 at 12:14 PM

BE

Barbara Edwards posted:

My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you, Joyce, and your family. Even though I only knew you for a short while at church (I sat in front of you) it was such a pleasure to talk with Tom and you. May God Be With You and always hold you in the palm of his hand. Again, my deepest sympathy. Barbara Edwards

May 27 at 4:25 AM

RW

Russ And Vickie Walthall lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



May 26 at 1:06 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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