



Bruce Smith

December 2, 1933 - November 23, 2022

It is with the heaviest of hearts to write that Bruce Smith of Ocean Township, our beloved Husband, Dad, and "Poppe", has passed away. He was born in Bridgeton, NJ, to Walter and Catharine Smith. He graduated from Penns Grove HS in 1951, being one of only five men left in his class. He truly wanted to be the last one standing. He attended McDonough Military Academy and served his country in the US Army... a true patriot to the end. He went on to Rutgers, graduated in 1958, and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. An extremely smart, proud, hard-working man who always provided well for his family. He was self-employed in the flexible packaging industry for 25 years. After retirement he had a few boats that were named "MY TERN" at the Atlantic Highlands Marina and fishing became a huge passion. His favorite day of the year was the winter solstice hence the days would get longer leaving more time for his love of fishing. He was also a big part of the Sandy Hook Bay Anglers where he gave a lot of his time and knowledge. He leaves behind his wife, of 65 years, "his Becky" Betty Lou (Meinzer), his daughters, Daun Smith-Graham, Kelly Butler (Craig) and Jill Lynch (Bill) and five grandchildren Erin, Cheyenne, Chad, Karlee, and Bonnie.

HE IS DEEPLY MISSED AND WILL FOREVER BE LOVED!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING... WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!

If anyone asks why you're missing... we'll just tell them that you've GONE FISHING!

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers (t2t.org) in his name.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kelly Butler - December 01, 2022 at 07:48 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Kelly Butler - December 01, 2022 at 07:45 PM

TJ

“ The King Family-Karlee, Nolan & Nolan Jr lit a candle in memory of Bruce Smith



The King Family-Karlee, Nolan & Nolan Jr - December 01, 2022 at 03:40 PM

KK

"The King Family - Karlee, Nolan & Nolan Jr.

Karlee King - December 01, 2022 at 03:42 PM

DS

“ *Daun Smith-Graham lit a candle in memory of Bruce Smith*



Daun Smith-Graham - December 01, 2022 at 12:48 PM

MG

“ *Mrs Smith, Daun, Kelly/Craig. Jill/Bill - Sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Smith, please know that Jan and I are thinking of you Mike and Jan*

Michael Galanti - November 30, 2022 at 09:50 AM

GC

“ *Daun, Kelly, Jill
Thinking of all at this time .my prayers 🙏 are with all.
Grace Cammarano*

Grace CAMMARANO - November 28, 2022 at 07:22 PM

KX

“ *Kelly And Craig Butler XOXOX lit a candle in memory of Bruce Smith*



Kelly and Craig Butler XOXOX - November 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Bruce Smith* ”



Bongarzone Funeral Home - November 26, 2022 at 12:50 AM

WH

*They left the dock without me.
Jake, Bruce and Bobby are going fishing on the "Hobo".
They have calm seas, and the fish are biting!
Someday, if I'm lucky, I will be with them again.*

Walter Hartman - February 08, 2023 at 12:25 AM

BD

*So sorry to here of Bruce's passing. RIP my friend
Brian Dunn Sandy Hook Bay Anglers*

Brian Dunn - February 08, 2023 at 09:20 AM