



Edwin J. Smith, Jr.

September 20, 2023

Edwin J. Smith, Jr., known affectionately as "Ed," passed away on September 20, 2023, at the age of 79 in Warwick, Rhode Island. He was born on November 9, 1943, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Edwin grew up on a large vegetable farm in Johnston, RI, where he and his family enjoyed the fresh air, nature, and each other while making unique memories during a bygone era that lasted him a lifetime. From a young boy until the recent past, he remained actively fishing, hunting, and socializing with family and childhood friends he cherished for nearly 80 years. He was always the happiest when he was fixing something or lending a hand to someone else. Whether he was focused on car repairs, offering free labor on a house project, figuring out electrical or plumbing issues, or plowing out the neighbors after a snowstorm, he felt that making things a little easier on another person was always the right thing to do.

Edwin leaves behind his loving wife, Mary Ann (Morley) Smith of North Scituate, RI, and their only child, daughter Raina C. Smith of Cranston, RI.

He was the son of the late Edwin J. and Christina (Caparrelli) Smith of Johnston and was preceded in death by his two sisters, Loretta E. (Smith) Grist of North Scituate and Donna M. (Smith) Fontaine of Johnston. Edwin is survived by his brother Dennis and his wife Meredith L. (Rowley) Smith of

North Scituate. And, he was the super fun-loving, free-spirited, and happy-go-lucky “Uncle Edwin” to seven nieces and nephews who were all guaranteed a good laugh when he showed up.

Edwin attended Johnston High School and later pursued a career as a machinist and in maintenance and repair for various Rhode Island companies. He was known for his expertise and dedication in his field.

Hunting, fishing, watching science fiction programs and movies, and repairing (literally anything) were near and dear to Edwin's heart. Every chance he had to get out into the great outdoors or fix something around the house or for someone else put a great big smile on his face.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by a heartfelt eulogy delivered by his daughter Raina and a brief Memorial Service at 12:00 noon in the Winfield & Sons Funeral Home, located at 571 West Greenville Road in Scituate, Rhode Island.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity in memory of Edwin J. Smith, Jr., that profoundly touches you and makes a positive impact on the world so that his goodness lives on through you.

Please join us in celebrating the exceptional life of Edwin and sharing cherished memories with his family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Winfield & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory
571 West Greenville Road (Route 116)
Scituate, RI 02857
(401) 647-5421

Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ *Dennis and family, we are so sorry to hear of your brother's passing.
Ken and Chris Taylor*

Chris Taylor - November 11, 2023 at 03:44 PM

DS

“ *My brother and I had many fond memories in our early years on the farm we lived on in Johnston . Edwin and I help our uncles stack wood for the greenhouses to making wooden flats to plant seedlings for the fields. We help pick some of the produce and deliver to the farmers market in Providence in the early morning. Edwin and I would play in the brook catching frogs and crawfish which mom did not appreciate. We also enjoyed fishing and swimming in the local ponds after work on the farm. In our later years Edwin loved working on anything mechanical especially cars. We had some friends from school Dave and Mike who raced their cars at Epping NH which was a great fun day for all of us. Myself Edwin Tony Richard would jump in a car and a good time was had by all . Edwin always was the first to help anyone who needed help on car repair its just in his nature. Edwin also enjoyed fishing with Dave for strippers and hunting with myself and a good friend Harold Freese also called frosty. I could go on so in closing I would say my how life goes by in the blink of the eye . God Bless brother love Dennis*

dennis smith - September 27, 2023 at 08:13 PM

DS

“ Uncle Edwin was always my favorite uncle, his smile and laugh could light up a room and he had an infectious sense of humor that put everyone around him at ease. He was like a kid at Christmas every single day, and was a genuine pleasure to talk to and spend time with. He could fix or repair just about anything. He was an accomplished saltwater sportfisherman and for years stalked trophy striped bass off the coast of Rhode Island. Edwin will be missed, it is hard to think of family events without him. When I was young he was the sturdiest, strongest man I knew. I never beat him in an arm wrestling match. There will never be another Uncle Edwin, he was truly unique.

Aunt Mary Ann and Raina, you have my deepest sympathies. I know how deeply saddened I am by his loss and hope you remember how brightly he shined and how much love and laughter he brought to everyone. He will be missed.

-Dennis M.

Dennis M Smith - September 27, 2023 at 02:51 PM

VT

“ My deepest condolences to you, Raina, and your family on your loss.. May your dad rest in eternal peace

Vincent De Tora - September 27, 2023 at 06:03 AM

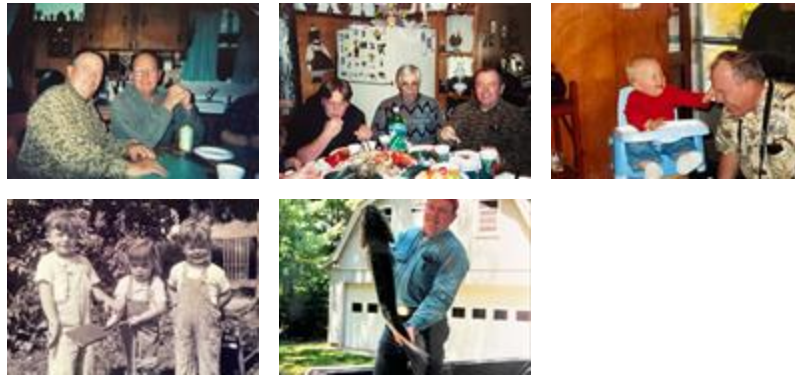
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“ *MaryAnn and Raina: My deepest wishes go out to both of you for healing of your hearts and souls during this saddest of times. Edwin was one of the sweetest, kindest and most caring people that I ever had the privilege of knowing and loving in my life. He meant so much to me and my husband John and I grieve with you both for losing him. You are both in my thoughts and prayers as is he. Love each other, cry for him, but cherish all those wonderful memories of happy times and hold them forever in your minds and hearts. Alice Pate*

Alice E. Pate - September 26, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RA

“ *66 files added to the album Edwin Smith - Photo Album*



Raina - September 25, 2023 at 12:48 PM

RF

Uncle Edwin was always smiling & laughing. I can still see him sitting at Grams's kitchen table. while having a cup of coffee and whatever treat gram had, and chatting about whats going on in the world. He was a great man, and will be missed.

Raina & Aunty, I am so very sorry for your loss.

love Robin Fontaine

ROBIN FOUNTAINE - September 25, 2023 at 01:28 PM

RF

Oh my god ! these pictures are wonderful, with amazing memories. Thank You Raina!

ROBIN FOUNTAINE - September 25, 2023 at 01:34 PM

TB

Ed you will be missed when we were young going fishing swimming. As we got older growing up in the 60's hot cars we were all motor heads hanging out at the A and W you and Dennis were my good friends, I know you are with the lord he has a lot of projects for you to do. One day we will be all together again rest in Pease my friend

Tony Branca - September 25, 2023 at 03:00 PM

RA

MaryAnn and Raina, Our deepest condolences to both of you. He will be grately missed and always in my thoughts. We had great memories together and we could count on each other. That made us more than a friend. We are brothers always.

Richard Aquilante - September 28, 2023 at 12:24 AM