



Robert M. Smith

November 6, 2020

Smith, Robert M., "Bob", 96, passed away on Friday Nov. 6, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Mildred A. (LaChance) Smith for 72 years. He was a WWII & Korean War Navy veteran, proudly wearing his hats with the ships names on them. The USS Florence Nightingale, USS Cowpens, USS Boxer and USS Higbee. He worked for the Providence Gas Co. retiring in 1989. Bob was a jack of all trades always there to help his family. He loved woodworking in his shed, the outdoors, gardening, walking every day and relaxing by the water on Warwick Cove or Conimicut Point. Besides his wife Millie, he leaves two daughters Jennifer (Timothy) Conway and Tracey Croft-Smith. He also leaves 7 grandchildren; Robert and Heather Smith, Matthew and Bradford Conway, Thomas Martini, Steven and Krystyna Croft and one great-grandson Jordan. He was the father of the late Robert P. and Deborah A. Smith and grandfather of the late Christopher R. Martini. He was predeceased by four brothers, Raymond, June, J. Paul and Warren Smith. Funeral services and burial are private. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Save The Bay, www.savebay.org.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ On behalf of the USS Cowpens (CVL25 & CG63) Veterans Association, we would like to express our deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one, and our shipmate. At the USS Cowpens Reunion over Father's Day weekend in Cowpens, South Carolina, your loved one will be remembered at our memorial ceremony of shipmates lost during the past year. Your family and friends have an open invitation to attend each reunion. Further information may be obtained by e-mailing the reunion secretary at maxbarker3028@gmail.com. Sincerely, Max Barker-Reunion Secretary.

Maxie W Barker - January 25, 2024 at 10:32 PM

DM

“ To Millie and family,
I was so sad to hear of Bob's passing. I had much affection and respect for him, and enjoyed the time spent together down at Muddy Cove. The bird houses he built and the telescope to watch the ships and boats coming and going. I admired him for the fact that he kept on boating well into his eighties. I once made the mistake of offering to help him load the boat on the trailer and he sternly declined because it would foul up his routine. I saluted him on V.J. day one year and he told me about being in Tokyo bay when the Japanese surrendered. He was truly one of the finest examples of the Greatest Generation.
Dana Mennillo

Dana A Mennillo - November 12, 2020 at 05:32 PM

AJ

“ Mr Smith Thank you for your service to our Country. May God bless you Rest in peace. Arthur & Ann Jackman Warwick RI

ANN JACKMAN - November 12, 2020 at 03:57 PM

AH

“ Tracy and family - my heart breaks at the loss of Bob - my dad counted him as one of his dearest friends. His support of my family they difficult times was truly amazing and he helped us through so much. I pray that he and my dad are looking down at us having a cup of tea. Fly with the angels and rest - Bob - rest

Ann Marie Hannon-Wells - November 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM

AD

“ Tracey, Jennie and family
My deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. I remember him as a great presence in my life growing up. He wouldn't let us get away with much but I always thought Tracey was so lucky because although he was stern, he'd end up making up for it with some ice cream for her later on. God bless you Mr Smith
May your memories help you through. My prayers to you all.

Alicia DiDonato

Alicia DiDonato - November 11, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ My deepest condolences for the loss of Pepe. He was a great man. I have many memories that will last forever. 🙏❤️

Annette Barber - November 11, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JH

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss of your dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. What a wonderful man. My father Hugh Hannon worked with Bob Smith for many years at the providence gas co. Oh the memories. Bob arrived every morning to pick my dad up for work at like 615 I can still hear him saying Good morning Mr Smith and they started their day with a laugh. What a beautiful friendship they had and our families had wonderful memories too. God bless you all and may bob RIP. Love Jodie Hannon

Jodie Hannon - November 11, 2020 at 08:35 AM