



Mr. Donald R. Smith

October 24, 2016

Donald R. Smith

Loving husband, father and grandfather

WWII Navy Veteran

Donald Randlett Smith, age 90, passed away Monday, October 24, 2016, at the D'Youville Manor Nursing Facility after a period of declining health.

Don is survived by his wife of 20 years, Lillian (Lee) Smith. He was predeceased by his first wife, Helen (O'Loughlin) Smith, with whom he enjoyed 42 years of marriage. He was also the brother of the late Gardner and Marjorie Smith.

Don was born in Lowell, the son of William Byron Smith and Caroline (Scoble) Smith. He grew up in the Christian Hill neighborhood of the Centralville section of Lowell. After graduating from Lowell High School, Don enlisted in the US Navy and served on the destroyer USS Harold J. Ellison during the latter part of WWII. After his honorable discharge from service, Don worked at General Electric, Airtronics in Washington, DC, and at the former Sanders Associates of Nashua for 25 years, where he retired as Director of Contracts. After retirement, he moved to Chelmsford and enjoyed working part-time at his son Steve's company, S&H Engineering of Chelmsford.

Donald was a communicant of the former Sacred Heart parish and a communicant of St. Margaret's parish in Lowell. Don loved the ocean and body surfing the waves at Hampton Beach. He also enjoyed golf, ice skating, and walking. He was a quiet, kind and gentle man who without saying as many words demonstrated his care and concern for others by his actions. He had a great sense of humor and loved to entertain family and friends with his jokes and antics.

In addition to his wife, Donald is survived by four children, his son Stephen R. Smith and his wife Dianne L. of Nashua, his daughter Carol A. (Smith) Rodgers and her husband Richard K. of Chelmsford, his daughter Clare M. Smith of Nashua, and his son Lawrence J. Smith and his wife Lori of Chester. He also leaves five grandchildren, Felicity, Stephanie, Jill, Linda, and Caitlin, and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his stepfamily, his stepdaughter Linda Giordano and her husband James of Chelmsford, and his stepson John Lee and his wife Susan of Lowell along with three grandchildren Katie, Meghan and Matthew and two great-grandchildren.

SMITH -- In Lowell, October 24, 2016, Donald R. Smith, 90, husband of Lillian (Lee) Smith. He was predeceased by his first wife, Helen (O'Loughlin) Smith. Family and friends may call the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on Thursday from 3 until 7 PM. Mr. Smith's Funeral Mass will be celebrated on FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock at ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, 374 Stevens St., Lowell. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Donald R. Smith's memory may be made to the Table of Plenty of Chelmsford, 18 St. Andrews Way, No. Chelmsford, MA 01863 or the Chelmsford Veterans Memorial Park, PO Box 141, No. Chelmsford, MA 01863. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS 978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Margaret's Church
374 Stevens St.
Lowell, MA 01851

Burial

OCT **28**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald R. Smith*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies on the death of Don. Chelmsford Village won't be the same without his warm greetings and winning smile.*

Veronica Doherty

Veronica Doherty - October 27, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ *Lillian and family, please accept my sincere condolences on the death of your beloved Don. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Father John, OMI

John Hanley - October 27, 2016 at 09:07 AM