



## John P. Smith

May 22, 1939 - March 16, 2025

John P. Smith, 85, died on March 16, 2025, 65 years to the day that he met his wife of 48 years, Philomena R. Veneroso, (Philly). A lifelong Albanian, he grew up on Brookline Avenue and was the son of the late Edward and Ursula (Casey) Smith, the youngest brother of his five deceased siblings, Mary Rose CSJ, Anne Smith Maloy, Joseph, Edward and Ursula (Urtie) Smith McKegney. John was an incredible father to Joseph A. (Elena) Smith of Loudonville, NY Mimi (Thomas) Terry of Bluffton, SC, Timothy N. (Tarsha) Smith of Walpole, MA, Edward J. (Nichole) Smith of Lincoln, RI and Margaret R. (Mark) Cassier of Greenfield, NY. John was the beloved "PaPa John" of 18 grandchildren and one great granddaughter, and was a beloved Uncle John to many nieces and nephews, all of whom he cared for deeply. He earned a degree from Siena College and later obtained an MSW from SUNY Albany, dedicating 35 years of service to various departments within the State of New York. Beyond his state career, he contributed 30 years to Maloy Construction, a role he truly enjoyed. His passion for helping others was evident in his extensive volunteer work with numerous organizations. John was a friend to many and took great pride in his years in ROTC and U.S. Army, playing basketball for Siena College, and his deep Catholic Faith. Above all he found joy in being present in the lives of those he loved. The family extends its deepest gratitude to The Wesley in Saratoga Springs for their compassionate care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 20, 2025 at the Church of St. Pius X, 23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville. Relatives and friends are invited

and may also call at the Church Thursday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of John may be made to Siena College, Philomena R. Smith 61' Scholarship Fund, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211, Attn: Development Office. We all have peace in our hearts knowing Dolly and Fotsie are reunited.

# Tribute Wall

RN

“ I served with John in the 2d BTN 27th Arty in Friedberg Germany. The picture of the two of them on the howitzer was how they were greeted when he brought her home to Friedberg after their wedding in the states. We were neighbors in Bad Nauheim during our service and, along with my wife, Karen the four of us made a lifelong friendship that lasted inspite of time and distance. Karen and i were never in New York without meeting up with John and Philly and we had reunions elsewhere with other members of our unit over the years. As all of you know they were both wonderful people and it was our pleasure to have known them and be friends with them for over 60 years, We loved them both dearly, Ron and Karen Neuhoff

Ron Neuhoff - March 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ron Neuhoff - March 22, 2025 at 04:49 PM

TC

“ Tony and Cheryl purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of John P. Smith.



Tony and Cheryl - March 20, 2025 at 07:30 AM

TC

“ Tony and Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Smith.

Tony and Cheryl - March 20, 2025 at 07:30 AM

KS

“ Kurt and Nancy Salisbury purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. Smith.



Kurt and Nancy Salisbury - March 19, 2025 at 08:02 AM

KS

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Kurt and Nancy Salisbury - March 19, 2025 at 08:02 AM

HH

“ There is a special place set aside for you my team mate at Siena College.  
You will be missed by those who shared those special times.

Howard C Huntington - March 18, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LV

“ Love, Eileen, Brian, Grace and Jill Venn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John P. Smith.



Love, Eileen, Brian, Grace and Jill Venn - March 17, 2025 at 08:12 PM

LV

“ Love, Eileen, Brian, Grace and Jill Venn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John P. Smith.

Love, Eileen, Brian, Grace and Jill Venn - March 17, 2025 at 08:12 PM

TS

“ Mimi and Joe, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Hold tight to all your wonderful memories during this most difficult time.

Terri STACKMAN - March 17, 2025 at 05:43 PM

OK

“ Olga Krone purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. Smith.



Olga Krone - March 17, 2025 at 05:23 PM

RM

“ Regina McCarthy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John P. Smith.



Regina McCarthy - March 17, 2025 at 05:16 PM

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Regina McCarthy - March 17, 2025 at 05:16 PM

BC

“ *Papa John was the most special man. He and I were Yankee fans! He became Dad to my Mark and a Papa to my family too. We all loved him dearly and will miss him so much. Dance with Philly and the Angels John.*

Barbara Cassier - March 17, 2025 at 03:28 PM

LI

*What a legacy PaPa John has left behind....A beautiful family, Friend, GrandPa, the list goes on. So glad he was part of our lives for as long as his Journey lasted.*

*RIP PAPA John...*

*Please give Philly a huge Hug from all of us!!*



Leland Armsby III - March 17, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JA

*So glad he found his wallet the other day. He was such a nice man.*  
*Julie Alsante*

Julie Alsante - March 17, 2025 at 10:03 PM

PS

*Dear Mimi, Joe, Tim, Margaret and Eddie,*

*How many great times Betsy and I enjoyed with your Mom and Dad: BBQs, cruises, weddings, trips, bonfires, Cape Cod, and parties. In my teens, I often played basketball with the "Big Guy" on Brookline Avenue.. We were all proud when John became the starting center at Siena College. John was always friendly.....and a good friend. We treasure so many happy times and will miss him.*

Paul Sullivan - March 18, 2025 at 10:18 AM

NS

*I took fitness classes with John at Shaker Pointe when he lived at Parkland. Our instructor, Kerry and I both had a bit of a crush on him. What an interesting gentleman he was. And how he loved to brag about his family. We were sad to say goodbye when he moved to Saratoga. He has been missed for a while now. Rest in peace, John Smith. I am so sorry to have missed your service yesterday. God bless your wonderful family.*

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**Nancy G Scarchilli** - March 21, 2025 at 11:35 AM