



Ernest Smith

May 5, 1932 - February 12, 2020

Ernest Smith was born May 5, 1932 in Norfolk, Virginia, to Marie Edney Mortin and Claude V. Lenard. He departed this life on February 12, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia.

Family and friends fondly knew Ernest by his nickname "Shootie". He was fun to be around and always willing to share his advice and encouragement.

In 1954, "Shootie" married the love of his life, Ruby Dolsberry. They were married for 59 years.

"Shootie" served in the army where he earned the rank of corporal. He also was a devoted employee for many years at Ambassador Animal Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, and Claws and Paws, Powhatan, Virginia, where he served as an assistant surgeon. Over the years he also received certifications in small engine repair and burner and furnace repair.

Ernest was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Smith; mother, Marie Mortin; father, Claude V. Lenard; and brother, Thomas Smith.

He leaves cherished memories to a devoted nephew, Charles Smith; nephews, Thomas Smith, Jr. (Sheryl); Kelvin Smith; nieces, Sheryl Smith, and Patrice Smith; sister-in-law, Hortense Smith; and a host of family members,

friends and devoted friends Doris Fleming and Gloria Coleman.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Smith

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Dathie lit a candle in memory of Ernest Smith



Dathie - February 18, 2020 at 08:53 AM



To the Smith family sorry for your loss.praying for comfort..The Logan Family

Odessa Logan - February 19, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Smith.



February 16, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 13, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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Ernest was a joy to work with and learn from. I worked at Ambassador back in the mid to late 90's. I used to tell him he was my favorite wino (a joke between us because of his brown paper lunch sacks). I hadn't seen him since I Tom's funeral I think. I'm sorry I didn't learn of the service in time to attend. My sympathies to your family. He was a sweet man and I'm glad I had the chance to know him.

Angela - February 19, 2020 at 11:14 PM