



John Bernard Smith (Bubby)

October 15, 1916 - February 13, 2004

John Bernard Smith, Jr., son of the late John Sr. and Violet Smith, was born on October 15, 1916 in Shawsville, Md. on the Maryland-Pennsylvania line. He was the second child and the last surviving of nine children. Early in life, his parents moved the family to Baltimore, Md., where they resided in the Sandtown area. While being educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, he was forced to leave school early to pursue employment to help support his family due to his father's failing health. He held numerous jobs in the Baltimore City area before entering the United States Army, where he served honorably for three years and received several medals, including a Purple Heart. In 1941, he married his best friend and sweetheart Katherine W. Day, who preceded him in death in 1978. Out of this union, eight children were born: Sylvia, Gregory, Michael, Steven, Robert, Linda, David and Paul. He was affectionately known to many as "Bubby," and known to his grandchildren and great grandchildren as "Bub Bub." Bubby was a hard working man, who retired from Bethlehem Steel after thirty-one years. He believed a hard day's work for an honest day's pay was a good thing, a lesson he taught all of his children. He could often be found after a hard day's work doing work around the house, helping his wife his neighbors or his friends. He could fix almost anything. Some of his favorite pastimes were baking lemon meringue pies and homemade rolls and spending time with his children. Some of our fondest memories of Bub Bub are of him piling everyone into the car for a trip somewhere around town. After his retirement, he spent many days fishing and

gardening. His love for fishing was passed on to his children, who accompanied him on numerous fishing trips, enjoying great fun and fellowship. In his early retirement years, he met his second love, Olivia Bonds, whom he shared the rest of his life with. Her devotion to him was unsurpassed as his health began to fail. He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted friend, Olivia Bonds his children, Sylvia Baker, Gregory, Michael, Steven, Robert, Linda, David and Paul Smith; son-in-law, Harvey Baker; five daughters-in-law, Jackie, Cynthia, Ruth, Carolyn and Angela Smith, all of Baltimore, Md. Also, he leaves twenty-two grandchildren, numerous great and great-great-grandchildren; one aunt, Dorothy Washington; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many, many friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Happy Birthday granddaddy! You are forever grand and in my heart no grave or sky can keep us apart! Continue to fish in peace!
Always missing you~
Kie~Kie*

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“ *John Bernard Smith (Bubby)*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *John Bernard Smith (Bubby)*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *You were the one true love of my life and when time came for you to soar to new heights my heart dropped to the depth of the valley. 15 years have come and gone and I still miss going fishing with you, you saying "I love me too", your smell of old spice and seagrams gin! I felt invincible and unconditionally loved and protected when you were, in body, right here. Thank you for visiting me in my dreams though. Our memories, our love will never fade. I miss you granddad!
I love you~
The cutest girl in the world
Kie~Kie*

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest sympathy to Sylvia, Linda, David and all the other Smith children. We search for words to say, and in my case, songs to sing that will make your heart glad. I hope I helped to ease the pain for now, but I know it will get better because I've been there myself. Remember I love all of you and I'm just a call away. The Singing Deacon.##imported-begin##Deacon Ronald L. Huff & Family##imported-end##

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