



Irvin B. Smith Jr.

May 4, 1934 - July 1, 2011

Col. Irvin B. Smith Jr., Ret.
May 4, 1934 to July 1, 2011

Former Col. of the Delaware State Police, Irvin B. Smith Jr., age 77, went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2011. He served in the United State Marine Corp., US Marshall for the State of Delaware during the Carter administration and appointed by Vice President Joe Biden, Chief of Police for the City of New Castle, a Security Consultant, Past Master of Oriental Lodge #27 and High Noon Lodge, member of the Consistory and Shrine, a volunteer with Hospice, naming a few of his many accomplishments.

He was a loving husband, father, brother, and pop-pop.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dolores, his sons, Irvin, III and his wife Dianne, David and his wife Cynthia; his daughter, Valerie Byron and her husband Joshua; brother, David and his wife Jo Ann; brother-in-law, William McCracken; aunt, Georgina Jones, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Irvin, mother Lillian, brother Jim, and sister Jane McCracken. His greatest joy was family, especially his grandchildren Brent, Scott, Dalton, Reed, and the family pets whom he considered grandchildren.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in

the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 and again on Thursday, July 7, from 10:00 am to 12 noon at Church of the Atonement, 3519 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE 19703 followed by a service in celebration of Irv's Life at 12:00 noon. Burial will be private in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be sent to Church of the Atonement.

For directions and to express an online condolence and memory please visit www.strano-feeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Atonement
3519 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703

Service

JUL 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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3519 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703

Tribute Wall



“ *Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Irvin B. Smith Jr.*



Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home & Crematory - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *I remember Col. Irv Smith back in the early 70's when I was a young fellow working at DSP Headquarters in Dover. We became good friends and fellow Dallas Cowboys fans. We even went to a Eagle/Cowboy game back then. He was a good man then and after reading about him, I see he never changed. I will say a prayer for my friend and his family as he will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.*

*Sincerely,
Nick Albia, Jr.*

Nicholas G. Albia, Jr. - July 10, 2011 at 09:23 PM

VW

“ Dear Mrs. Smith and Families,
The Col. was a very special man to many,
Whenever I would see him he would always
great me with a warm smile and a hug. I loved
him dearly and I regret that I didn't get to spend
as much time with him as I would have loved
too. I have been truly blessed to have Col. Irv Smith cross my path
in this life, he truly had the heart of Jesus. May our Lord and
Saviour provide you with His Grace, His Mercy and His Comfort in
your time of loss and sorrow. In His Love, Valerie Pace Winer



Valerie Pace Winer - July 07, 2011 at 07:57 PM

DU

“ Hi Dodi,
It has been many years but I was still saddened when I heard of
Irv's passing. I know you lost a good man. May God help you and
your family through these difficult times.
Don Umbrecht

Don Umbrecht - July 07, 2011 at 11:55 AM

EH

“ So many wonderful memories of Col Smith.
He was my "father figure"..a loving family
man..a great neighbor and an all around
amazing person. My thoughts and prayers are
with all of his family during this difficult time.
He will be missed but never forgotten.
Much love, Melinda Leider Hamilton



elinda Hamilton - July 07, 2011 at 05:39 AM

ML

“ Dear Ms. Smith, Irv, David, and Valerie,

My deepest condolences on the passing of Col. Smith. Growing up on Osage Rd., I have fond memories of him and our conversations when I stopped by while delivering the newspaper. He was a role model for a kid like me, the only person I knew who was a policeman and commander. May his blessed memory live on with your family forever.

Sincerely, Marty Lessner (24 Osage Rd.)

Marty Lessner - July 06, 2011 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ *I will always be grateful to Irvin for loaning me his grey lettermen sweater with the dupont letter to have my picture taken with the class lettergirls. I did not have one as all the rest did and felt out of place. He walked over, put it on me and said here use mine. I felt proud to know him. He was one of a kind and a great guy. Dolores and family, accept my condolences, he will be sadly MISSED. Sorry I will not be able to attend his service, but will be there in prayers.*

Peg (Everett) Millman, Milton, Delaware

Margaret Marie Millman - July 06, 2011 at 03:08 PM



“ I was honored to have known Col. Smith for many years. I first met him while he was serving as a detective at Troop One Penny Hill. Irv would always take time to socialize with me, no matter how busy he was; he always had time for me. He cared about people. They just don't make 'em like him anymore. Semper FI my brother. I am sure our Lord and Savior greeted you with, “well done my good and faithful servant.”

Glenn E. Kresge

Glenn Kresge - July 05, 2011 at 05:28 PM

SH

“ Dear Dee and family, Having known Irv since we were children, I was very saddened to read of his death. You have our deepest sympathy. Irv's dad and my dad (Ivah Hudson) were friends, and Irv often said my dad was his mentor. Good memories. May God grant you peace and love at this time, and always. Harry & Shirley (Hudson) Jester

Shirley A. Jester -nee Hudson - July 05, 2011 at 10:20 AM

KF

“ Dear Dottie & Family... so sorry to hear about Irv's passing. He was a great neighbor, loved his family, and a good friend. He will be surely missed. Take care, Dick Stafford & Karen Francks (your Pot Nets old neighbors)

Karen Francks - July 05, 2011 at 09:05 AM

LG

“ To the smith family,
we are so sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with you
- Glasheen Family

Laura Glasheen - July 05, 2011 at 08:52 AM

RJ

“ Robert J. Wilson Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Irvin B. Smith Jr.



Robert J. Wilson Jr. - July 04, 2011 at 07:56 AM



“ To the Smith Family,

I worked with Irv at Comcast and would run into him with his wife and daughter at various places in North Wilm. As a manager in the call center he always worried about my safety and made sure that I was protected from the various situations that arose. I appreciated the depth of his experience and his respect for me. But after we both left Comcast I enjoyed just seeing him and hearing family stories.

I am so so sorry for your loss. I hope that your happy memories will sustain you during this time.

Kathy (Joseph) Farren

kathy farren - July 04, 2011 at 06:54 AM