



## Paul E. Smith Jr.

February 26, 1947 - April 28, 2024

Paul E. Smith, Jr., age 77, of Newark, DE, passed away peacefully April 28, 2024, with family by his side. Paul spent his early childhood living on a farm in Lewistown, PA with his mother, Joyce, and father, Paul Sr., and his 6 siblings. His family then relocated to Delaware when he was a young teen.

He was a sergeant with the United States Marines, serving during the Vietnam War. He then went on to become a Delaware State Trooper serving several years on the force. For the remainder of his career, he was employed by the Delaware State Department of Corrections where he held various positions such as an instructor, officer, etc. Through the years Paul also owned and operated several successful businesses: Meadowwood Aquarium, Aquarium Wonderland, and K & D Cartridge. It was at the latter where he loved sharing his knowledge of guns, reloading, ammunition, etc. with his many loyal customers. He was an expert marksman, enjoyed fishing, and coin collecting.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 53 ½ years, Anne Marie (Cermele); daughter, Kerry Antognoli (Michael) of Rising Sun, MD; son, David Smith (Charlene) of Newark, DE; grandchildren: Mara, Andrew, and Tripp; and siblings: Dennis, Steve, Sam, Gary, and Shirley.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Melissa Kate “our angel”; and younger sister, Cindy.

Paul was a loving and devoted husband, father, pop-pop, brother, friend and so much more. He will be deeply missed by many.

Services will be private. To send an online condolence, visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Paul's loved ones. I met Paul decades ago, knew him to be a square shooter in life, did business with him over the years. He always took his time to speak with me whenever we came across one another at some event or everyday errand. He had been a neighbor of my grandparents at one time and was well spoken of by them. Paul was a good man and I am glad to have known him.

*Rick*

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**Rick** - May 09, 2024 at 12:26 AM

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“ My dear Anne Marie. It is with a sad heart to hear you have lost your soulmate Paul. He is right now running and playing with your dear grand daughter Melissa. I remember many things about Paul but Paul's laughter was always what I remember most. Feel my arms giving you a big hug and a shoulder to cry on. We will have to get together sometime soon it has been way too long. My love and heart are with you and yours. Love , Penny O'Neill

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**Penny O'Neill** - May 08, 2024 at 06:37 PM