



# Russell ("Smitty") Smith, Jr.

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### **R**ussell Smith, Jr.

Easton, Russell Smith, Jr. of Easton, MD died at home on November 27, 2013 following a brief illness. Born September 27, 1927 in Cambridge, MD, he was the son of the late Russell Smith, Sr. and Carrie Doenges Smith. He grew up in Easton, joined the US Marine Corps in early 1945 and attended boot camp in Paris Island, SC. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and served in the South Pacific. When he returned home in 1948 he completed his education by graduating from Easton High School. He married the former Jeanne Spencer of St. Michaels, MD on October 2, 1948. Russell first worked as Branch Manager of Taylor Auto Supply store in Easton. He then joined the Talbot County Sheriff's Office and was eventually promoted to the rank of Chief Deputy. He became the only Deputy Sheriff in the state of Maryland to serve under six different Sheriffs. He completed his working years as Branch Manager of Wharton Barnard Auto Supply in Cambridge, retiring in 1989. Russell enjoyed traveling the United States and Canada with his wife, Jeanne in their travel trailer. Favorite destinations were the national parks, Florida, Montana and Canada. When at home he enjoyed flying with his best friend Carey Dorset and was proud to earn a Pinch Hitter Certificate which authorized him to land the plane in an emergency! Russell, known as "Smitty" throughout the Easton area, entertained people with his many stories, often drawn from his years in law enforcement and the Marines. His large extended family was extremely important to him and he showed kindness and support in numerous ways. He was also active in local military organizations such as E.E. Streets VFW Post #5118 of Easton and the Marine Corps League, Choptank Detachment. He was involved in charitable works, particularly during the holiday season, believing that everyone should have a Merry Christmas! Russell will be greatly missed by family, friends and the community. Russell is survived by his wife, Jeanne; sister Viola Davis of St. Petersburg, FL; children Susan Smith (John Baumann) of Scandia, MN; Russell Smith, III (Linda Dwyer) of Easton, MD and Sylvia Smith Carroll (David) of Cordova, MD; grandchildren Justin Smith, Isaac Smith, Jamie Smith, Spencer Carroll and Patrick Carroll; great grandchildren; nieces Laura Lee Harrison Mulvaney, Chris Harrison Dorset (and her husband, Carey Dorset), Lynn Crabtree and Carol O'Neil and nephews Russell Davis, David



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Crabtree and Stephen Smith. The funeral services will be held at St. Marks Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Easton on Tuesday, December 3. Viewing will be 12 noon; the funeral at 1:00 PM. A graveside service with military honors will take place at 2:30 P.M. on Friday December 6th in the Olivet Cemetery, St. Michaels MD. . Memorial donations may be sent to the Marine Corps League, 6 Richardson Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613. Arrangements are by the Ostrowski Funeral Home, St. Michaels, MD.



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CC

**Christopher (Micky) O'neil Culpeper, Va** posted:

Rest in Peace Uncle Jr. I always looked up to you since I was a small child so much that I followed in your footsteps and have served under 5 sheriffs in Virginia. I still remember the many stories you told us about growing up in Talbot County, WWII, Police work and your brother our Grandfather.

December 4 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Steve & Debbie** posted:

Aunt Jean & my Cousins. Know that Uncle Jr. was loved by His nephew Stephen & Family. Some of my fondest memories are of times spent "camping out" in your then unfinished attic, eating meals at my Grandparents & of course....listening to Dad & Jr.'s war stories. Both were, and always will be my hero's. Aunt Jean...if you need ANYTHING call me. Know you are loved by all our Family and "Slug" will be greatly missed. God's blessings and comfort to all four of you in this time of loss.  
Steve

December 4 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Mel Marshall Sr** posted:

Smitty was one of the coolest and calmest people I have had the pleasure of knowing. A few years separated us in age, but he was a really great guy, and deputy. I was with Easton P.D. for 21 yrs, and that took in part of the time he was in law enforcement when Tom Merridith was sheriff. He will be missed and my condolences to his family. I did not know them, but Russell Smith, Jr is someone they can be very proud of. May you Rest In Peace my Friend.

December 4 at 8:00 PM

GU

**Glenn Usilton** posted:

Hi Butch, this is your old friend Glenn from back in the Tastee Freeze days. I Didn't know your dad that well, but feel a connection because you were such a good friend. I remember him from the times I would visit you and we would hang out in your bedroom. He was always such a nice man as I remember. Thinking and praying for you and your family at this time of your loss. I also used to visit your grandfathers store in Bethlehem many times as we lived right next door to him. May God bless your dad and you and all of your family. Glenn Usilton

December 2 at 8:00 PM



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TS

**Tara Swafford** posted:

God bless you, Mr. Smith. I am so blessed to have known you through the Talbot Senior Center. My deepest sympathies to you Jeanne along with the rest of your family.

December 1 at 8:00 PM

CL

**Cynthia Loynd** posted:

We will miss our next-door neighbor! Love and thoughts of Mr. Smith for Jeanne, Susan, Butch and Sylvia and families. Cynthia Loynd Stratford, CT

November 30 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Russell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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