



Irving H. Smith

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Irving “Irv” H. Smith, 71, beloved husband of Christine (Waniewski) Smith for 48 years, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at Evergreen Health Care Center. A lifelong resident of Stafford, he was born on April 21, 1943, son of the late Harvey and Esther (Hathaway) Smith. Irv was a highly respected businessman who was the past owner and operator of Smith Motor Sales and Hometowne Antiques and Collectibles. He was an avid NASCAR, NY Yankees and UCONN Women’s Basketball fan, and he loved the beach and trips to the casino. Deep sea fishing was his passion. Irv was a great cook and the more people around the table the happier he was. He enjoyed making jams and relishes which he gladly shared with family and friends. The best times in Irv’s life, beyond all doubt, were when he was surrounded by his family, especially his grandchildren who brought true joy to his life. He was a humble, generous, non-judgmental man who truly understood the value of friendship. Irv took to heart the advice of an elderly friend who once told him, “If you are ever given the choice of having a million dollars or one good friend, always choose one good friend”. There are many who Irv was proud to call “friend”. He will always be lovingly remembered by Chris and his children, his son, Michael Smith and his wife, Amity, and his daughter, Audra Lauf and her significant other Michael Dumas; his cherished grandchildren Michaela and Alexandra Lauf, and Camden and Brodie “Little Harv” Smith, all of Stafford Springs; his sister, Nancy Driscoll, of Groton; his brother, David Smith and his wife, Jean, of Stafford Springs; an aunt, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and many dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his nephew, Scott Driscoll. Irv’s family extends heartfelt thanks to Drs. Masih, Parikh, Thompson and Thumar plus the staffs of Johnson Memorial Hospital and Evergreen Health Care Center for their care and compassion during Irv’s health challenges. Services will be private. Those wishing to honor Irv’s memory may do so by making a donation to



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the Irving Smith Grandchildren's Education Fund, c/o Stafford Savings Bank, P.O. Box 25, Stafford Springs, CT 06076. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has been entrusted with his arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



Tribute Wall

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CG

Cathy Laviolette Gleason posted:

I have many fond memories of irv. When I was young I remember my mother having car work done and as I have gotten older it was a 'hey irv' at the gas station. My son Jeremy met irv at his store and took an instant love to irv's jellies and jams. Now both my son and irv are in heaven. God bless both of them. Cathy laviolette Gleason

April 23 at 1:45 PM

EN

Ed Nelson lit a candle in honor of Irving.



April 22 at 1:35 AM

EN

Ed Nelson posted:

To Irving;s Family and Friends I am very Sorry for your loss,,I have known Irving for a very long time since his car shop, he has always been very nice and helpful and kind to me and my friends and family.He will be missed and always in my prayers.Thank-you Irving for being a Friend to me..May god love and keep you close.

April 22 at 1:34 AM

PW

Paula Betters Wollman May 28 at 10:54 AM

My dear Chris and Audra, I am so sorry for your loss.Paula Betters-Wollman

NF

Nancy Farrington posted:

Audra and family so sorry to hear about your Dad He was a good man. Nancy Farrington

April 21 at 3:57 AM

SU

Sue posted:

Chris and family,We were saddened to hear of lrv's passing. We remember the wonderful Christmas Eve celebrations that you hosted and the enormous spread of delicious goodies. His jams were the best (Jean sneaked one to me!).He was a good man and will be missed. We were honored to have known him.Sue and Dennis Parkin

April 18 at 4:46 PM



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SB

Shirley Bergeron posted:

Chris and family I am so sorry for your loss..My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.. Shirley Bergeron

April 18 at 1:05 PM

KD

Kevin Daros posted:

To the Smith family, we're so sorry for your loss. Irv was a great friend to everyone in our family for many years. It was truly an honor and a pleasure to have him in our lives.God bless you all. Kevin, Linda, Laura & Brian DaRos

April 17 at 12:48 PM

MW

Mary Jane Wytas lit a candle in honor of Irving.

So sad to here about Irv. Our prayers are with the whole family. He was a great person and will be missed. Mary Jane and Clarence.

April 17 at 3:45 AM



DP

Dee Paradis lit a candle in honor of Irving.

Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your entire family during this time. What a marvelous family was started with Irving and Chris. His legacy will last forever.Blessings and prayers,Ken and Dee Paradis

April 17 at 3:12 AM



DH

David And Krista Hicks sent a Cup of Roses Bouquet to the Smith family.

April 17 at 2:55 AM





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VW

Valerie Wesner posted:

So sorry to hear of Irv's passing. I was a classmate & graduated with him in 1961. I remember him as always smiling & friendly.. I think he helped my mother out a few times with her car over the years. she always trusted him to do work on it. Condolences to all his family.. Valerie Fontanella Wesner Buchanan, MI

April 16 at 3:54 PM

CH

Carol Hollay lit a candle in honor of Irving.

Chris, Audra, Michael and their families, So sorry to hear of Irving's passing. He was a great guy and you all were very special neighbors, always available when needed. Rick loved to talk to Irving about his garden. They talked a lot and were two of a kind. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Luv, Carol and Rick



April 16 at 3:00 PM

JM

Joyce Murray posted:

Lots of High School memories with Irv. My sincere condolences to the family of Irving Smith Joyce Murray

April 16 at 12:13 PM

PT

Philip Tripoli lit a candle in honor of Irving.

Chris an family , sorry for your lost, Irv truly will be missed , philip an ruth tripoli

April 16 at 10:35 AM



MD

Mary Denunzio posted:

Dear Audra and Family, I send my deepest sympathy to you all, and pray you can find comfort in your cherished memories. Love Mary DeNunzio

April 16 at 9:53 AM



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RB

Roger And Barb lit a candle in honor of Irving.

Cousin Chris, Mike and Audra, Some of our best memories have been spent with all of you. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your family. We love you. Rog and Barb

April 16 at 9:10 AM



DG

D & H Goodridge lit a candle in honor of Irving.

To Remember
A friend forever
Why before me? Part of a family
In a family tree
Irving was special
In a lot of ways
His understanding
And the things that he craved
But also a neighbor
In a small town
A friend to them all
When they were around
It makes me wonder
But I can still pray
Good luck on your journey
We'll meet again someday
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Hewey & Debbie Goodridge

April 16 at 7:31 AM



WW

Wayne Wohllebe lit a candle in honor of Irving.

CHRIS, MIKE, AUDRA, AND DAVID, AND FAMILIES, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS OF IRVING. HE ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE SUCH A HAPPY GUY. HE WAS ALWAYS FRIENDLY AND SMILING. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

April 16 at 6:35 AM



RD

Roger Dalpian posted:

Roger and Beverly Dalpian send our condolences to you Chris and your family for your loss of Irving.

April 16 at 6:10 AM

JE

John And Sandy Emhoff lit a candle in honor of Irving.

Dear Chris, Audra and Michael - John and I send our sincere condolences to you and your families. So many years of knowing you and remembering Irving's smile and friendly ways are special. We know your memories will comfort. Thoughts and prayers are with you. John and Sandy Emhoff

April 16 at 5:51 AM





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SL

Susan Leavitt posted:

It is with great memories, I remember Irv's sharing spirit and willingness to help people whom he encountered in life. I first met him when we bought a car from him and he generously helped us with service afterwards. He always greeted me by name and with a warm, open smile. He will be missed. I extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family and will hold you all in prayer. Sue Leavitt

April 16 at 5:26 AM

AS

Ann M. Soucy lit a candle in honor of Irving.



April 16 at 5:25 AM

GR

Gary Reynolds lit a candle in honor of Irving.



April 16 at 4:58 AM

MF

Mandy & Gail Fisher posted:

Chris, Audra, Mike and family - you are all in our thoughts. May all of the wonderful memories you have together bring you peace and strength. Sending much love to you. Mandy and Gail

April 16 at 2:53 AM

TS

Tina Spallacci posted:

Dear Chris, Mike, and Audra, You are all in my thoughts. I have so many fond memories of Irv, growing up just down the street. From time at the beach with all of you to the amazing Easter feasts that he cooked up. Always gave great hugs whenever I saw him. He will be missed by many. I hope that your wonderful memories help to get you through this loss. Love, Tina

April 15 at 4:52 PM



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KW

Kay M. Warren posted:

My condolences to the Irving Smith family. Irving was in my class at Stafford High School graduated in 1961. I spoke with him a few years ago and he wanted to go to the next reunion in 2016. He will be there in spirit. Again, my prayers are with the family. Kay (Murray) Warren. Class of 1961.

April 15 at 3:56 PM

DF

Donna W Ference lit a candle in honor of Irving.



April 15 at 3:46 PM

JM

Jackie Morse posted:

So sorry to hear of Irv's passing. I have fond memories of him when I was a young child. My heartfelt condolences to his family. Jackie (Hartenstein) Morse

April 15 at 3:33 PM

PK

Paul & Patricia Kovaciny posted:

Sorry to hear about Irving Smith. He was a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families

April 15 at 2:22 PM

DM

Deb West Martorelli lit a candle in honor of Irving.



April 15 at 2:08 PM

NW

Nj Waniewski posted:

To the best brother-in-law a girl could have, i wish you peace and the rest you so deserve. I miss you already. Until we meet again... I love you, NJ

April 15 at 12:00 PM



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Peter & Cindy Ostrowski lit a candle in honor of Irving.

April 15 at 11:40 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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