



Fred O. Smith II

January 22, 2019

Portland – Frederick Orville Smith, II, 84, of Farmington, died early Tuesday at Maine Medical Center in Portland. He was born July 17, 1934 in Cambridge, MA, a son of Harry Francis and Dorothy (Spaulding) Zeller Smith and was a graduate of Bowdoin College as well as having received a Master's of Arts in Political Science from the University of Vermont in 2000. Mr. Smith was veteran of the United States Navy, having served as a Lt. Commander in the US Naval Reserve. He was the President and Treasurer of Fred O. Smith Mfg. of New Vineyard and was currently an account manager at Old Ford Antiques and Collectibles. In Nov. of 2017, he received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who, the World's premier publisher of biographical profiles. He was active in the community, having served on numerous Republican Committee's at the local, state, and national level and was a member of the New Vineyard Fire Department, Old South Congregational Church in Farmington, and the Town of Farmington Budget Committee. He also was a member of the Farmington Downtown Business Association, the Farmington Elks Lodge, Kora Temple Shrine, Farmington American Legion, and Maine Lodge AF and AM #20 of Farmington. At the time of his passing, Mr. Smith was serving as the President of the Farmington Rotary Club. He is survived by his daughters, Sarah Williams of Wilton, Jennifer Smith of Anchorage, Alaska, and Erika Close of Augusta; grandchildren, Rachel Pelter, Julianna Alexandria, Molly Hinkel, Jesse Williams, Carrie Close, Rebecca Close, Erick Close, and Jordan Kaylor; He was predeceased by his wife, Mabel Roxie Moore on Jan. 11, 2013; and his sister, Joy Gilbank.

Public memorial services will be held on Sunday, January 27, at 2 pm, from the Old South Congregational Church, Main Street, Farmington. Following services, a Celebration of Life reception will be held at the Farmington American Legion, Middle Street, Farmington.

Public graveside committal services with military honors will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 3 pm at the Notch Cemetery, Rt. 27, New Vineyard. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, those who desire consider memorial gifts in his memory to the Farmington Rotary Club, PO Box 864, Farmington, ME 04938. Services are being cared for and provided by the Wiles Remembrance Center/Adams~McFarlane Chapel, 137 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington. Condolences, memories, tributes, and a memorial video may be shared on

his memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com.

Cemetery

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Rt. 27 New Vineyard Road

New Vineyard, ME, 04956

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - January 26 at 09:37 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We will continue to hold you all in prayer for comfort.
Bill and Ellen (Paine) Dimond.

Ellen and Bill Diamond - January 28 at 01:00 AM



“ I wish I could be there tomorrow to say goodbye to Fred and be supportive of the family. But I'm in Florida, and I'll be thinking of you all. It still doesn't seem real. May the love and strength of your family carry you all through sorrowful time.

Kathy Card - January 26 at 07:12 PM



“ Fond memories of being a little girl and visiting my cousin Fred O Smith, Mablel, his daughters and my Great Aunt Dorothy in Maine. He helped my Grandmother Rachel in her later years. I'm so grateful that she had him there with her so she didn't have to be alone. Godspeed cousin Fred O. Prayers for your family.

Linda Nelson

Linda Nelson - January 26 at 06:08 PM



“ A letter to Fred..... Dear Fred, Dear friend. Truth be told, you were much more than a friend. For many years, you were more like a second father, a mentor, and a very good friend. The words don't flow as easily or as smoothly for me as they once did, but I needed to just jot down a few of my thoughts from the last few days. It doesn't seem possible that the time has come to say goodbye. You were always so full of life, and seemed like you would outlive all of us. I'd always figured that when I got married, my Dad would officiate over the ceremony. When he passed on it only seemed natural to have you do it. We were so happy that you were able to. I'll

always look back fondly on all the time I spent up on the mountain with you, either flagging out property lines, looking over various properties or sometimes just enjoying the fresh air and a nice hike. You would always entertain me with stories, and your knowledge of local history, legends and lore seemed endless. You always had such a good outlook on life and an awesome sense of humor. I remember one time you asked me with a twinkle in your eye and that mischievous grin, why I always acted so foolish when your daughters were around. I blushingly admitted to having a crush on Sarah. You didn't say much more at the time, but a few days later in front of most of the crew, you came up and put a hand on my shoulder, and waved the other across the mill and said "Just think. Someday when you marry my daughter this can all be partly yours!" Of course, I turned red and stuttered and stammered, and you chuckled and walked off leaving me to my discomfort. You laughed about that for months afterward. I also remember how you always made time to just sit and talk with me, no matter how busy you were. If I was having a hard time with something, or just having a bad day, you would notice and pull me aside to see if I was okay. You were a very special man, and you will truly be missed by many. Dear Fred, Dear, Dear friend. Fair winds, and following seas sir.

Steve Bestwick - January 26 at 05:44 PM



“ That was wonderful, Steve. Thank you for writing it. I'm his niece and missing him terribly already. I'm so glad you had such wonderful times with him. He was certainly one of a kind AND one of the kindest men I've ever known. Bless you - and by the way, everyone has a crush on my gorgeous cousin, Sarah! :)

Veronika Benson - February 02 at 12:53 PM



“ Uncle Fred was always open hearted and kind. He was a man of character and he earned the respect of everyone who knew him. A man of substance he was and I am so proud to have called him my uncle. I will miss your smiling face Uncle Fred.

Stacey-Ford Pope - January 25 at 11:18 PM



“ Your Virginia Family. Emy, Frank & Wanda,& Neices purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fred O. Smith II.



Your Virginia Family. Emy, Frank & Wanda,& Neices - January 25 at 09:21 PM



“ Debbie Bigos sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred O. Smith II



Debbie Bigos - January 25 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fred O. Smith II.



Alice Keezer - January 25 at 12:54 PM



“ He will be missed. I remember him as a friendly face when I was off at college, always there when I needed family. He always had a smile and a funny story whenever he came by. I remember waking up one morning to his mowing the lawn at the house I still think of as my grandmother's. He made sure I got to work when my car was out of commission thanks to an ice storm. A kind and thoughtful man.

RIP, Fred-O.

Alice Keezer - January 25 at 12:47 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. We met Fred when he came to see Sara in Washington state. He was a very intelligent and gentle man. Hugs to you all. Take comfort in your memories and the love you shared. Buddy and Peggy Williams

Peggy and Buddy Williams - January 25 at 11:58 AM



“ The Moore family was so blessed to call him Brother and Uncle. An amazing man who Always sought the best and ever he found it, In all things. We will love and miss you always dear Fred O.



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Erika Close - January 25 at 11:06 AM



“ Fred was unfailingly kind and well-intentioned. I don't think I ever saw him act out of anger or malice, ever. He was a genuinely good man, and he'll be missed.

Liz Fuller-Wright - January 25 at 09:35 AM



“ Our condolences to the family. Fred was a very interesting man, and I always learned something new when I would run in to him in the neighborhood, or out and about.

Sandy Waite Haskell - January 25 at 09:11 AM



“ I served with Fred on a number of committees of Old South Church. He was a steady presence and always willing to lend a hand. His service to this community will surely be missed.

Donna Wheeler

Donna Wheeler - January 24 at 08:03 PM



“ Fred O was like an icon in Farmington and New vineyard, I'm sure almost everyone has a memory of him rip

Gary Bryant - January 24 at 05:02 PM



“ Fred O. has been a very good example of authenticity, honor and loyalty. He will be missed. Condolences to all of his family, whom he loved and cared for so diligently.



Susy Sanders - January 24 at 04:54 PM



“ Uncle Fred never knew what to expect when he pulled in , gonna miss the old guy , he was a whole lot of unexpected fun !!!

niles (scooter) Gage - January 25 at 07:03 AM



“ I served with Fred on the Maine GOP State Committee since 2002. Fred had a great wealth of institutional memory and was fond of sharing his wisdom. As I got to know him, I appreciated his kindness and depth of character. I was especially touched at how lovingly he cared for Mabel in her declining years. He was a gentleman and a decent man who stepped forward all the time to help wherever he could. Our generation could learn so much from men such as Fred. Til we meet again my friend.

Charles Mahaleris - January 25 at 08:33 AM



“ I met Cousin Fred in 1989, when he came to Detroit for the Republican convention. I remember Fred as being very kind and a gentleman. Condolences.

Alicia D'orazio - January 27 at 11:28 AM



“ We will remember Fred as a special man who always had a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, and always willing to stop and talk! Our sincere condolences to his Sarah, Jenny, and Erika and their families. Peter and Debbi Durrell

Debbi Durrell - January 24 at 04:24 PM