



Robert J. Smith

November 17, 1945 - December 28, 2024

Robert J. Smith Jr. of New Hampton, NY passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 28th at Garnet Medical Center in Middletown, NY. He was surrounded by his loving wife and family. Robert was a dedicated husband and father.

Robert was born on November 17, 1945, to Robert and Anna (Gray) Smith in Queens, NY.

In May 1970 he married the love of his life, Arlene Schultz. They were happily married for 54 years. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He fought in the 25th Infantry division from September 1968 to September 1969. He was awarded a Bronze Star, Vietnam Service medal and Vietnam Campaign medal. He was so proud to have served his country and never left the house without wearing his Vietnam Veterans' hat.

Bob worked 25 years for Local 707 Teamsters union as a truck driver and 5 years with Local 445 Teamsters union.

Bob was never happy until he was making someone laugh with his great jokes. His handle while working as a truck driver was "The Joker." He was also a big sports fan watching his favorite Baseball team –The Mets, Hockey team – The Rangers, and the Jets and Giants football teams.

Bob is survived by his wife, Arlene, his three daughters and sons-in-law, Karen Voelker (David), Joanne Lempka (Stephen) and Jennifer Gatto and fiancé Tom Halpin, his grandchildren, James, Patrick, Rachel Olivia and Joey. He is also survived by his sister, Janet Capodicasa, sister-in-law Ellen Artale (Richard) and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Robert and Anna Smith, sisters Evelyn and Judith Smith, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

We would like to thank all of Robert's doctors at Crystal Run Healthcare in Middletown, NY. There will be no visitation. Robert's military burial will be held at the Orange County Veterans' cemetery in Goshen, NY. His burial will be held at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, Bob asked that donations may be made in his name to St. Jude Children's hospital.

Cemetery Details

Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery

111 Craigville Road
Goshen, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss Arlene. He was a true jokester and a wonderful human being. Love you, Alice

Alice Rezendes - January 13, 2025 at 07:31 PM

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“ Bob was good friend of the family and great friend to my Dad. He was always making everyone laugh with his numerous jokes! He made it a point to come see my dad even though he wasn't feeling that good himself. He always put everyone first before himself. He loved his family and enjoyed his time hanging out with my dad! God bless you Bob! My family and especially my dad, will miss you terribly! Love you!



Donna Meaney - January 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM