



## Buddy Smith

June 26, 2020

Oliver “Buddy” Milton Smith, Jr., 49, born in Portsmouth, VA, went home to be with the Lord on June 26, 2020. Resident of Deep Creek, Oliver worked as the Director of the Nuclear Regional Maintenance Department at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He was a veteran of the United States Army and an active member of the community as a beloved softball coach. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, who loved spending time on the beach and with his family. He had an immense amount of pride for his children and will be greatly missed.

Oliver was predeceased by his parents Oliver and Rosetta Smith of Deep Creek. He is survived by three children, Joseph, Casey, and Maria “Nikki” Smith; 4 siblings, Theresa Waller and husband Ted, Cindy Bettinger and husband Simon, Neel Smith and his wife Stacey, and Michele Brooks; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins. He also leaves behind many other devoted family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5-7pm on Thursday, July 2, 2020 at White’s Nursery & Garden Center. A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 10am on Friday, July 3, 2020 at White’s Nursery & Garden Center. Please note this will be held outdoors with limited seating. Attire will be casual, flip flops are strongly encouraged.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or UVA-Wise Softball.

Buddy was proud to have served his country and he will be laid to rest at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery**

5310 Milners Road  
Suffolk, VA 23434

# Previous Events

## **White's Nursery 3133 Old Mill Road, Chesapeake, VA 23323**

**JUL 2.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

White's Nursery & Garden Center  
3133 Old Mill Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323

## **Celebration of Life at White's Nursery & Garden Center**

**JUL 3.** 10:00 AM (ET)

White's Nursery & Garden Center  
3133 Old Mill Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23323

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ Tammy ...I know this past week has been very difficult and heartbreaking . losing someone you love is never easy..the love , friendship and bond you two shared you will never forget. We definitely had some good times on and off the ballfield during Travelball with our girls . please know that we are here for you . hoping you and Ollie's family find peace in the days to come. and for some....understanding..

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**Teresa Froemel** - July 08, 2020 at 01:29 AM

DW

“ He was always so kind. He spent an entire afternoon playing with my grandson, who loved every minute he spent with Buddy. He was always caring and inviting. He and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers

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**Debbie Waller** - July 05, 2020 at 12:59 AM

CB

“ Nikki Kasey Joseph. I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I enjoyed listening to him talk about all of you of how proud he was of each of you on the bus rides when I drove the softball team for Deep Creek High School. Mrs Baker.

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**cathy baker** - July 03, 2020 at 07:35 PM

HW

“ Coach Oliver was one of the toughest coaches I ever had, and also one of my favorites. He cared so much about every girl on the team, and wanted nothing more than for us all to succeed. I’ll never forget playing in a championship game and we were so excited to even be in the championship, and he said “Don’t ever settle for second. Fight till the end to be first.” Thank you for everything you did for all of us Coach Oliver, and thank you Nikki for being such an amazing friend, teammate, and mentor. Your Fury family loves you.

Hannah Williams - July 03, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Smith.

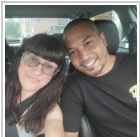


July 01, 2020 at 06:43 PM

SO

“ My deepest condolences to Michelle and family, and Tammy and the girls. Praying for peace for each of you. Air hugs!!! ❤️

Sara and Brian Ogle - July 01, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ You will be missed by many Ollie. Thank you for your leadership, mentorship, and most of all, friendship over the years. Happy hunting and fishing in Heaven brother. May God Bless your children and your family 🙏

Alfred Estepa - July 01, 2020 at 03:24 PM

TL

*Buddy you you will be missed by so many! I'm so happy you saw Nikki gradute from Nursing school! She's gonna be a great nurse! I'm gonna keep in touch with your baby girl! Slim doesn't know what to do.... I know you & Bobby already fishing and getting the hunting dogs ready! Fly high my friend! God calls the best first! 🙏❤️🇺🇸*

**Teresa Southerland/Anthony Landen** - July 02, 2020 at 11:16 PM

JD

*“ Buddy was a alsom hunting friend my time with him at p&w sorry for your loss he will be missed*

**Jonathan I Deeda,pop** - July 01, 2020 at 01:24 PM

LS

*“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, friends, colleagues and neighbors on the passing of the beloved Ollie. He is sorely missed.*



**Lamont Simmons** - July 01, 2020 at 12:16 PM

RS

“ To the Family "Words can't describe how devastated you must be to lose such a huge part of your family I am so sorry" Ollie spoke proudly of all of you from his Parents to his Siblings, Nieces and Nephews but especially his children, his eyes would light up when he bragged about his kids. I had the privilege of speaking to Ollie that fateful day on the phone, he was so happy that afternoon sharing stories of the day fishing on the lake sending pictures of that day's catch, I wish we could have talked longer. He touched so many lives as a Co-worker, Director, Softball coach, Mentor, Father, Son, Brother, but mostly as a true friend to all that knew him. My heart is truly broken.  
R.S. Swain "Rombo"

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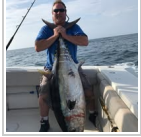
**Romulas Swain** - July 01, 2020 at 09:20 AM

CF

“ Buddy will be dearly missed thats for sure. I've known Buddy since we worked at Farm Fresh together way back in the late 80's. He has definitely been a great friend for many years. One memory I have that I'll always be grateful to have had him in my life is about a year ago I fell and sliced open my knee. It was pretty bad and I had to be rushed to the emergency room. I wasn't even there 5 minutes yet and in walks Buddy and Tammy to check on me. They stayed by my side throughout that whole ordeal. They laughed and joked with me and my sister to help keep us calm while I was being stitched up. I'm so grateful Buddy and Tammy showed up that day because I was really scared at the time. I'm truly going to miss him.. I will continue to keep Buddy's family and friends in my prayers.

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**Cindy Futch** - July 01, 2020 at 04:04 AM



“ I would like to share a memory as a coworker first. He was an apprentice working in shop 51 motor section with me and made a comment that he was going to run the shipyard and sure enough. Secondly as a friend I took him off shore fishing and he caught a grouper and told me he thought he reeled in VW bug. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know him as a coworker and a friend. My family and I send our condolences to his children and family.  
Ed Ruehle



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**Edward Ruehle Sr.** - June 30, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CC

“ Michele and family, I am so sorry for your loss! You are in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing all of you peace and comfort during the difficult days ahead!

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**Cindy Rapier Casteen** - June 30, 2020 at 08:21 PM

HS

“ Oliver was the fathers of my three beautiful grandchildren and as such we spent a lot of time with him and my daughter, there were lots of laughs and good time when I lived in New York, needless to say when they decided to make Virginia home my husband and I quickly followed them, so I knew Oliver as well as if he was my son his parting leaves a hole that will be difficult to fill, both by his brother and sisters and his children, as for me all I can say is that he will be missed terribly and always thought of with affection

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**Hilda Schneps** - June 30, 2020 at 05:36 PM

CL

“ It was my honor to serve my last tour in the Navy as Ollie’s deputy. The pride that he had in his work and his people showed in every decision he made. We were truly a team that took care of our family and our ships. Our Sailors and civilians loved him for the way he treated and protected them. He will be missed by all and I am so sorry for the family’s loss of such a wonderful person.

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**Chris Laird** - June 30, 2020 at 05:32 PM

GR

“ I am honored to have been able to work side by side with a true patriot. Ollie always kept "taking care of the people" as the center piece of his decision making. My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the Smith Family for your loss. You are in my families prayers. I will truly miss my friend, coach and mentor.

*Al Roney*

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**Gary "Al" Roney** - June 30, 2020 at 02:29 PM

HL

“ I cannot express how proud I am to have known you, Buddy. A class act. You were one of the first people that befriended me when I moved to Deep Creek. My prayers are with the family. Rest in Peace, my friend.

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**Henry Lee** - June 30, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JP

“ Ollie was a no non-sense kind of guy, with character integrity and leadership skills that earned him the respect of his peers. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Smith Family.

*Jimmy Pinnock*

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**Jimmy Pinnock** - June 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ *Coming back from Vancouver at the border station me an Ollie couldn't get in the States. The guards thought we made our IDs. Walter Smith and Oliver Smith. He told us one of us should have used Jones or Johnson.*

Walt Smith - June 30, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *I'm struggling for words after hearing about Buddy's accident. We were much closer in our younger days, but I have always considered him a friend. The world has lost a great man and he will truly be missed. Sincere condolences to his family and friends. Rest in Peace Buddy.*

Sandra Witherspoon - June 30, 2020 at 10:51 AM



*There are no words to describe the loss of such a good friend. Ollie was always there if I needed someone to talk to. He would just smile and say everything will alright. Everytime I'd see he was either smiling or laughing. The Lord choose a great one. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. You will missed by all that knew him. RIP my friend.*

Deborah Phillips - June 30, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy Smith.*



June 30, 2020 at 10:17 AM

RA

“ I would like to say that Ollie was great to work for as a Supervisor. He always expected you to perform your job to best of your ability and not to be afraid to ask for help. He was a no nonsense guy as long as you give him your best. I will truly miss him around here. He always spoke to me and joked around with me whenever we crossed paths over the years since working for him. May you rest in peace and keep casting that fishing line forever more.

RIP,  
Richard Ayers

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**Richard Ayers** - June 30, 2020 at 09:08 AM

AB

I am saddened to hear of Buddy's passing. Junior high and high school memories always include Buddy. He was always making people laugh, passionate about sports and fishing and was very loyal to his friends. You will be missed.

RIP  
Amy Taylor Blyth

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**Amy Blyth** - June 30, 2020 at 03:45 PM

JH

I would like my wish of condolence to the family for your loss. Though I never had the privilege of knowing Mr. Smith personally, reading the prior comments reveal that he was truly an extraordinary person. He touched so many people in his short time here. Think of the positive and disregard the other. As you relish the memories "Buddy" will always be there.

J. Huban

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**James Huban** - July 03, 2020 at 11:56 AM