



John Francis Smith

December 25, 1946 - March 10, 2025

John Frances Smith, 78 of Huntington, WV passed away, Monday, March 10, 2025 in Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born December 25, 1946 in Keyser, WV the son of the late, Bob Smith and Mary Smith. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Army, Executive Director of the Marshall University Big Green Foundation and Episcopalian by faith. He was a graduate of West Virginia University; a former Professor of Military Science at Marshall University involved in Marshall Academics and Marshall Athletics and was a member of Masonic Lodge #51 in Keyser, WV. He loved his family, loved to play golf and reading. He is survived by his son, Sean Smith (Jennifer) Smith of Mesa, AZ; two grandchildren Samuel Smith and Jessi Smith both of Mesa, AZ and a host of friends. Funeral Services will be conceded at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 17, 2025 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services 6357 E. Pea Ridge Rd. Huntington, WV near Barboursville with The Rev. Jim Morgan officiating. Burial and Military Honors will follow at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial States Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar, WV. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com .

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Funeral Service

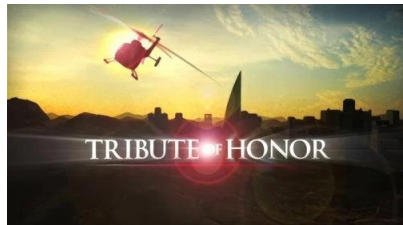
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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of John Francis Smith*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - March 14, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ *Remembering a treasured friend and colleague form my days on staff at Marshall, and reflecting on so many great memories of our time working together. Keeping Sean and family in our thoughts. John was a great man. He will be missed.*

Tom Hunter - March 16, 2025 at 03:45 PM

JK

“ *John was a great friend and his memory will always be a blessing. Rest well my buddy. Get everything ship shape up there. I salute you for your friendship and service.*

James Morris-Smith and Sam Kincaid - March 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM

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“ *Sean and family, your Dad was a gentleman and a scholar, we all loved him!!* ❤️

sherri pyles - March 14, 2025 at 04:55 PM

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“ Sherri P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Francis Smith.

Sherri P. - March 14, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - March 14, 2025 at 01:18 PM

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“ Karen Wills Wallace lit a candle in memory of John Smith



Karen Wills Wallace - March 13, 2025 at 09:15 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John Francis Smith.*



March 13, 2025 at 09:08 AM



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“ *John was a classmate of mine for 12 years and a 1964 graduate of Piedmont High School, Piedmont WV. Rest in Peace John and condolences to his son and family.*
Janice Butler LaRue

Janice LaRue - March 12, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *The Parish's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John Francis Smith.*



The Parish's - March 12, 2025 at 12:02 PM