



## William Randolph Smith

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William Randolph “Randy” Smith, 72, of Middletown passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, NJ on January 23, 1952. He was the only child of William J. Smith and Margaret Carney Smith of West Keansburg, NJ.

He was a proud alum of Christian Brothers Academy (Class of 1970) where he played basketball and participated in the drama club. He attended Assumption College (Class of 1974) where he played soccer and made lifelong friends. He earned his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Widener Law School in 1977.

After college, he played softball for the local VFW Post 4303 where he met the love of his life, Donna. They married in 1977 and purchased their home in Middletown, where they raised their family.

He began his legal career at the Law Office of David Zolkin in Keansburg, then worked for Francis X. Moore in Red Bank, and finally for Miele & Miele in Hazlet, before starting his own practice in 1988. He also served as Public Defender for Hazlet Township, the same town his father served as Chief of Police and his mother served as Town Clerk. He finished his career at the Herbet Ellis Law Firm in Freehold before retiring in 2017.

He was a man who was deeply devoted to his family, faith, community service, and patriotism. As a young father, he could be found videotaping his daughter at her dance recitals and coaching his son in youth sports, while making time to attend New Jersey Devils games, his wife's favorite team.

He served as an altar boy at St. Ann's Church in Keansburg where he was a lifelong parishioner and could be found speaking at mass about tithing and assisting in other church activities.

He was lifetime member of Middletown Elks Lodge 2179, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler, Past Vice President, and Past District Deputy. He was awarded Elk of the Year, but his favorite part of being an Elk was speaking at youth activities events and raising money for veterans and special children.

He was a proud American and often attended services for active military and veterans to honor his grandfathers, father, and other family members who served proudly to protect our freedom.

He was a large man with an even larger personality. One of his favorite Frank Sinatra's song, "My Way" personified how he lived his life.

He is survived by his wife Donna Smith (Bauer), his daughter Tara Lyn Smith, his son, Bryan Patrick Smith and daughter-in-law, Caitlin Smith (Rosell). He is also survived by his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Visitation will be held at Laurel Funeral Home, West Keansburg, on Monday, December 16 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:30 at St. Ann's Church, Keansburg, with burial to follow at Shoreland Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Hazlet.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Elks National Foundation, which is designed to help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

# Cemetery Details

## Shoreland Memorial Gardens

Rt. 35  
Hazlet, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Ave  
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734  
(732) 787-0258

## Visitation

DEC 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Ave  
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734  
(732) 787-0258

## **Funeral gathering**

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DEC 17. 8:30 AM (ET)

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201 Laurel Ave  
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(732) 787-0258

## **Funeral Mass**

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DEC 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Ann's RC Church  
311 Carr Avenue  
Keansburg, NJ

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ Dear Donna, Tara and Bryan, So awfully sorry about Randy. I haven't seen all of you in very many years, but I can remember always enjoying the company of all of you when getting together with family. At parties and get together's Randy's laughter could always be heard by all. He loved telling jokes along with John. And I loved listening to them. As a Christian we believe beyond this life is another, where we wait in joyful hope to see each other again. My heart and prayers go out to all of you. Love and sympathy, Eileen and Alan Peters.

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**Eileen Peters** - December 18, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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“ From Assumption Classmate and friend, Bob Tudisco; Randy was a wonderful friend. He was always supportive and fiercely loyal to his family and mates. Yes! The Frank song 'My Way' really does well to describe the great unselfish thoughtfulness and care that he gave all who knew him.

*Best times, Spring Break when he would drive a bunch of us to his home and show us the the in and outs of NYC, Staten Island , Sandy*

*Hook and Asbury Park. Memories of of great card games, intramural basketball, softball, Cape Cod and parties with his Dad(The Chief)*

*and loving Mom. Randy often spoke to us of all his friends in his town who he was so dedicated too.*

*Randy, it was great that you shared so much to me and all your friends!*

*You will be wonderfully blessed in God's care*

*Love you!*

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**Bobby Tudisco** - December 16, 2024 at 01:29 PM



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



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December 15, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CJ

“ As a Monmouth County attorney, I knew Randy for many years. He was a big warm sweetheart of a guy, and always a pleasure to work with. To his family and loved ones, I am very sorry for your loss.

C Catherine Jannarone - December 15, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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“ The Rosell Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Randolph Smith.



The Rosell Family - December 14, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ I knew Randy for many years as a fellow attorney. Closings with him at Frank's office or at the Miele office were always joyous occasions. He had a great sense of humor and was always friendly and welcoming. He was well known and well respected at the Monmouth County Courthouse. Rest in Peace Randy.

Paul M. Griffin - December 14, 2024 at 10:55 AM

PM

Rest in Peace Randy. I'll always remember going to battle with you on the court representing CBA. We won many games together. You always gave maximum effort. Those were great times and is how I'll always remember you....Pat Mullin

Pat Mullin - December 16, 2024 at 08:42 PM