



Donald Gene Smith

October 17, 1954 - September 22, 2025

Donald Gene Smith passed away on September 22, 2025. He was born in the town of Waukesha, Wisconsin on October 17, 1954, to LaVena and William Smith. He was raised next to St. John's Military School in Delafield where his mom baked, and Don oversaw evening meal in the kitchen run by Marriott. Don travelled with other students who excelled in math and science. He was gifted with a high IQ and enjoyed track engagements for the school. He enjoyed being part of the Kettle Moraine HS Marching Band.

At 18, Don joined the Marines and was off to Camp Pendleton for basic training. Eventually, he was awarded the rank of sergeant and organized the new soldiers during maneuvers. His stay in Hawaii perfected his computer skills where he worked on procuring orders. After this he was sent to California and studied planes and landing helicopters. It was broiling hot there and Don shared an apartment with his computer buddies. He was in the Marines for 12 ½ years. When he left, he returned to Wisconsin.

Soon Don met the love of his life, Jeanne Poland and they communicated through air visits for a year. He helped the Quick Silver Co. with publishing 32 children's books. He also worked as a computer technician, repairing computers and related technology. For over 30 years, he worked as a manager in ShopRite, Grand Union, and Price Chopper. Jeanne and Don lived in a lovely townhouse in Hudson, New York on a hill next to the cemetery. Many animals kept them company, as well as the brethren of Hudson's Christ Episcopal Church in Hudson.

Don is survived by his amazing and loving partner Jeanne Poland and her children Quenby and Owen Poland and their children, his sisters: Kathy Duncan (Robert), Diane Brown (Tom) and Roxanne Smith and brothers: Ron Smith (Angie) and Paul Smith (Colleen) and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by his parents, William and LaVena Smith and many Aunts and Uncles.

A service will assemble at Christ Church Episcopal on Union St. in Hudson, NY on Saturday October 4, 2025, at 2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in Don's name to Christ Church Episcopal in Hudson, NY, or any Veterans Association.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church Episcopal
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *God Bless you Don. Thank you for the happy moments we shared at Jeanne's art shows at Columbia- Greene. Rest in peace.*
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