



Russell Francis Smith

October 23, 1943 - February 6, 2022

On February 6, 2022, Russell Francis Smith, loving husband and father of two children, passed away at the age of 78.

Russell was born on October 23, 1943 in Newark, OH to William and Ruth (Zigan) Smith. He attended Newark schools until he entered the US Navy in 1959. After his Honorable Discharge from the Navy in 1963, Russell stayed in California until he moved back to Newark in 1973. Russell married Jocelyne on September 2, 1989. He worked at Newark AFB as a photographer for 18 years. After he retired from the AFB, he and Jocelyne moved to Florida.

Russell had a great passion for fishing. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends his entire life. When not fishing, he and Jocelyne liked to go to the movies and eating out. Russell was a fantastic photographer and enjoyed taking pictures of Florida's beautiful scenery. He also enjoyed auto mechanics and restored 60s muscle cars.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ruth Smith, his brother William Smith Jr, brother Charles K. Smith and his sister Rosetta M Erwin.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jocelyne, daughter Julianne Ronan and husband Jeffery, son Darrin Smith and wife Rochelle, brother David W. Smith, stepdaughters Liette Gidlow and husband Adam Sakel, Dominique Koukol

and husband David, Nathalie Upton and husband Richard, grandchildren Tyler, Drew, Nathan, Dylon, Alaina, Alan, Sam, Max, Daniel, Aubrey, Camden, Alexander, August Joy and Owen Alan. Russell also is survived by two great grandchildren Makayla and Oliver.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Russ,

in the new world you are entering, too early by the way, you will have the opportunity to make wonderful and exciting fishing trips without any limit. We regret not having had the opportunity to see you during the past two years, distance and COVID obliges. You chose to spend the last chapter of your life in your home. Through this difficult decision, Jocelyne, your wife gave her very best to reduce your torments and support you until the very last moment. We thanks her for you for that. We offer our sincere sympathy to your entire Smith family and all of those who will miss you and who are affected by your departure.

Rest in peace Russ, your sister and brother in law

Lucile and Serge Thibault

Lucile and Serge Thibault - February 27, 2022 at 08:14 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Sweet moments with Russ*



Daniele - February 24, 2022 at 06:15 AM

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“ Russ was a favored cousin, he was older and when we were younger he babysit us a few times, also when he was around we laughed so much.

When he went into the navy he looked so much like Elvis, we looked up to him with awe and respect.

Russ was a giver, he loved his family.

He will be remembered fondly always.

Prayers for Jocelyn, and Families... for strength, and peace.

Carol (Ivers) Dean and Jim Dean and family



Carol and Jim Dean - February 16, 2022 at 11:08 AM