



Robert P. Smith

May 11, 1928 - July 10, 2024

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, Robert Paul Smith, 96, of Manteno, received his wings and went home to reunite with his parents; three children, Barbara, Robbie, Joanie; his two brothers, Donald and James and so many other family members and friends.

Robert was the definition of a family man. He loved his family and adored his wife, Phyllis. Robert was loved by everyone who was lucky enough to meet him and he will be greatly missed by his loved ones. Robert was always lending a hand to help others. He was the king of all yard games, an amazing wood-working craftsman and all-around top-notch man. His laugh, smile and playful teasing will be imprinted in all our hearts forever.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife, Phyllis Smith, of 75+ years; daughter, Gail Hochendoner; son-in-law Michael Rocco Sr.; seven grandchildren, Angela Howe (Michael), Lynn Klausegger (Eric), Michelle Young (Tom), Christie Moore (Joel), Michael Rocco Jr. (Lori), Nicole Bartelmey (Alan); 12 great grandchildren; sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; nieces; nephews; friends and neighbors.

The family will be hosting a private celebration of life event at the Manteno American Legion Post 755.

Think of me ... light a candle and see it glow, watch it dance when you feel low, think of me, think of light, I'll always be here day or night. A candle flickers out of sight, in your heart I'll still burn bright.

Tribute Wall

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“ Love you, grandpa (a.k.a. PA)



Angela Howe - July 18, 2024 at 08:14 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Condolences to the family.



Tanya n Bob Tatera n family - July 18, 2024 at 02:15 PM

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“ Lynn Klausegger lit a candle in memory of Robert P. Smith



Lynn Klausegger - July 17, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JF

“ Nikki and family- your grandpa was the absolute best! Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers❤️



Jackie Fazy - July 16, 2024 at 07:03 PM

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Thank you for your kind words Jackie. ❤️

Nikki - July 16, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nikki Bartelmey - July 16, 2024 at 03:59 PM

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“ *Nikki Bartelmey lit a candle in memory of Robert P. Smith*



Nikki Bartelmey - July 16, 2024 at 03:54 PM

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“ *Alan Bartelmey lit a candle in memory of Robert P. Smith*



Alan Bartelmey - July 16, 2024 at 03:50 PM

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“ My Grandpa was *THE BEST!* He truly was so smart, talented, helpful, kind, and loving. When we built our house, he was able to design and build so many beautiful wood-work items we wanted, such as a wooden cradle for our first baby, a corner Curio cabinet, Custom Beds with Drawers for my boys, and a beautiful oak and glass TV Entertainment Center. In addition, when we decided to finish our basement, he was there to help us any chance he could and designed a beautiful half-wall of custom oak. It really makes our home so special. He was always willing to help and never wanted anything in return. Of course, we did some special things for him in return because we appreciated all he had done for us! I will miss him so much, but I know he his home. I hope to see him again when it's my time to go home. Love you, Grandpa

The Howe Family - July 16, 2024 at 02:32 PM

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“ *The Howe Family lit a candle in memory of Robert P. Smith*



The Howe Family - July 16, 2024 at 02:16 PM