



## Gary F. Smith

October 3, 1946 - January 30, 2023

Gary Franklin Smith, 76, passed away January 30, 2023.

A native of Westernport, Maryland, son of the late Raymond Franklin and Mary Lou Marsh Smith, he was a U.S. Air Force Veteran having served 1964-1968 with the 3rd Air Police Squadron based in Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam. From 1968-1971, he served as a police officer with the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, 1971-1992 he served as a Lieutenant with the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department, 1992-2002 he served as a Captain with the Greer, South Carolina Police Department, and ultimately retired after having served 4 ½ years with the U.S. State Department International Police Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Karen Matlick Smith of Taylors; two sons, Robert Raymond Smith (Sandra) of Charlotte, North Carolina and Steven Franklin Smith (Brenda Vulmer) of Henrico, Virginia; a brother, Daniel Smith (Jeanette) of Oakland, Maryland; a sister, Jeannie Combs of Broadway, Virginia; four grandchildren, Tyler Smith (Brittany), Hope Smith, Logan Smith, and Riley Smith; and three great-grandchildren, Chandler Smith, Caroline Smith, and Cambreigh Smith.

A private memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date. The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a police department or Veterans group of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)



# Tribute Wall

DW

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I always enjoyed visiting with Gary. Since we left Kosovo, he and I would talk on the phone once or twice a year and I always enjoyed his humor and sarcasm! My prayers are with the Smith Family. RIP My Friend, my Brother!

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**Dan Williams** - February 27, 2023 at 08:13 AM

MC

“ Karen & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing & even more sorry to not have gotten back down to see him. He was one of my mentors on Montgomery County PD & a friend since 1975. We also both served in Kosovo & shared some of those stories as well. I will truly miss his wisdom & sense of humor. You have more than earned your place in heaven! God keep you! Karen, if you need anything dear, please let me know.  
Mike Clinton

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**Michael Clinton** - February 09, 2023 at 11:07 AM

RK

“ Gary and Karen Smith were our neighbors in Rockville, MD when I was growing up. We shared so many happy times together even when I dropped their young son Robbie off the changing table. Sending our condolences from the Whalen family, Irene, Bill and Becky.

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**Rebecca Whalen Kane** - February 07, 2023 at 04:31 PM

KR

“ I worked with Gary when he was assigned to help the Rockville City Police in Rockville, MD establish a burglary prevention unit. I was the secretary for that unit. He was a pleasure to work with and always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace. Karen Rademaker

karen rademaker - February 07, 2023 at 03:28 PM

MC

Thanks Karen! Hope ur Gary is well!!

Michael Clinton - February 09, 2023 at 03:02 PM

JC

“ Family of Gary Smith. The last post from me did not have that his and my interaction took place at Greer Golf Course. He also was a member of Preston Johnson DAV Chapter 39.

J.C. Crenshaw - February 05, 2023 at 09:07 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Smith, and all the family of Gary. I am saddened by the death of Gary. He would stop on porch or gazebo a lot and chat with me. Very nice man that I enjoyed knowing. May God be with all.

J.C. Crenshaw - February 05, 2023 at 09:03 AM

CJ

“ I met Gary when he and Karen got engaged.. Always so very nice. Was so sorry to hear of his passing. Visited him in Cumberland, Md. Back in 1997 I came to visit them for a long weekend in Greer S.C. RIP 🙏🕊️

carol johnson - February 03, 2023 at 01:31 PM

AA

“ I always thought a lot of you Captain. I enjoyed our chats. You were a special Veteran to me. Job well done.  
With love, Angie Ashmore Kruse



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**Angie AshmoreKruse** - February 02, 2023 at 10:55 PM

RS

“ I always enjoyed when Gary an I would go play a round of golf at the Greer Golf Club. He an I both would always have a laugh or two at the way both of us would hit terrible on one hole and turn around an hit some great shots on the next . I'll always remember those times , REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND KEEP IT IN THE FAIRWAY.  
YOUR FRIEND ,  
RICK

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**Richard Lee Enloe Sr** - February 02, 2023 at 09:20 PM

SB

“ Karen, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you will, and probably already do, miss him a lot. You are in my prayers.

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**Sondra Bright** - February 02, 2023 at 08:23 PM

DA

“ “Oh Captain, My Captain!” May your memory be eternal. Thank you for your service to our country, and our LE profession. I will miss you my friend. RIP

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**Dale Arterburn** - February 01, 2023 at 11:49 PM

SB

“ I was a rookie patrolman in my hometown of Greer, and you called me into your office on a couple of occasions and told me, I was a going to be a good officer and do great things for Greer and at the time you wished there were three or four more officers like me, but you were going to kick my butt if I kept doing things like I did as a military policeman. Captain I will always remember the sage advice you gave me over the years. Thank you. Scott Broome



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**Scott Broome** - February 01, 2023 at 08:18 PM

AS

“ I am so sorry to read of Captian Smith's passing. Sending love and prayers to the family.

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**Amy Southern** - February 01, 2023 at 03:33 PM