



Jay H Smith

February 7, 1953 - June 14, 2021

Jay Herbert Smith Obituary Jay was born February 7, 1953, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, June 14, 2021. Jay was a resident of Venice, Florida and had moved from California in order to provide care for his father, a resident of North Port.

Jay grew up with his family in Hockessin, Delaware and graduated from Alexis I. DuPont High School, where he was an active participant in athletics, the school theatre group, and the marching band. He was a member of the North Star swim team for many years. He created life-long relationships with his high school cohort and greatly enjoyed annual junkets with his golf buddies.

He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware. His real interest lay in environmental issues and he was fond of saying his educational background prepared him for feeling at home in a deciduous forest. After working several different jobs in the Wilmington area, he secured a position with the Finnegan Instruments Corporation. Jay worked predominantly in Sales and Marketing for many years, both in California and in New England. His final business venture was as Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Applied Biosystems. Jay also did various Contract work with Start-up Bio-Tech companies until his retirement at age 65.

Jay enjoyed the outdoors and spent much time pursuing his many interests.

Playing golf was a favored pastime and he loved cooking, gardening, fishing, surfing, skiing and caring for various dogs. A charismatic man, Jay laughed easily and was devoted to his extended family to include Jerry's stepchildren Ashley, Jullian and Jason.

Jay is survived by his partner, Eileen Figueira, her family Katie and Chris Nilan and his grandson Cameron, his father, Jack and his partner Jeannie, his sister Judy, brother Jerry and wife Christine, nephew Jeremy and wife Shalisa, his cousins Mary Sharpe and Cindy Cowell and their mother Anne. Predeceased by his mother Josephine Smith.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held on July 10, 2021 at 1:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice located at 1971 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34292.

Arrangements are under the care of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 14538 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287. 941-423-9110 www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice
1971 Pinebrook Road
Venice, FL 34292

Tribute Wall



“ Jay H Smith


October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Jay H Smith

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ To my fun loving cousin, who never met a golf ball he couldn't send flying. I know Harry is excited to see you, even if it was too soon. You can help him with his golf game, he was always in awe of your swing. Love  Mary

Mary Cowell - July 07, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jay H Smith.



July 07, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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“ Jay has been a wonderful, loyal friend to me for over 25 years. My wife and I were thrilled when we heard that Jay and Eileen were moving to Venice. We were looking forward to socializing and golfing together after Jay's medical issues were resolved. God unfortunately had other plans for Jay. Still heartbroken, Rest In Peace old pal!

Tim Scanlon - July 04, 2021 at 08:04 AM

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“ I am shocked and broken hearted! Jay was a friend, coworker and boss for many years going back to Finnigan days. Jay always believed in me and supported me in every way.

I am saddened and will miss his sense of humor and fun spirit. God bless you Jay and the best to you in your next adventure.

Tom Szarzynski

Tom Szarzynski - July 01, 2021 at 11:07 PM

KW

“ Having worked for Jay three times in my career, my overriding memories of working with him were when we played golf - yes for work.... his favorite tournament was The MALDI vs LCMS Cup. I loved his tolerance of playing with us bad golfers. Comments such as "huh, we are not gonna reach the green with that drive" and "now don't mess it up" were truly inspirational.... 😊.

Keith Waddell - July 01, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay H Smith.*



July 01, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *I went to highschool with Jay, way back when. I sent him letters when he was in military school then it was 35 years before I would see him again. The laugh, that is what I remember the most. The last time I saw him was at our 45th reunion at the duPont cc. I gave him some photos I had of him from HS which he really appreciated.*

May you find comfort in the memories shared with you, his loved ones.

Susan Wilson - June 18, 2021 at 04:15 PM