



John Clayton "Clay" Smith

August 31, 2020

John Clayton "Clay" Smith, 77, of Lower Macungie Twp., passed away surrounded by loved ones on August 31, 2020 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Twp. He was a loving husband to Janet R. (Davis) Smith with whom he celebrated 40 years of marriage on August 29th, and a devoted father, grandfather, and brother. Clay ran his own non-profit company, dedicating his professional life to helping others. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late William and Katherine (Brady) Smith.

Clay was beloved and deeply loved his family, friends, and God. He had a passion for life, living every day with positivity and optimism no matter what challenges were presented to him. Through his non-profit work with Community Partners 4Kids, Clay dedicated his life and passion towards the safety of children. He was a founding member of the Christian network group Believers in Business and an active member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Lower Macungie Township. Clay will be remembered for his ardent faith, his devotion to his family and friends, his quick wit, and his kind and compassionate spirit.

Survivors: Wife: Janet R. Smith, Children: Justin Smith and his wife Elizabeth, Nicole Broome and her husband Michael, Kimberly Clemente and her husband Andrew, John Clayton Smith, Jr. and his wife Tricia, Natalie Walchonski and her husband Michael, and Kevin Smith and his wife Megan, Sisters: Kay wife of Jim Horan and Maureen MacCoy wife of Steve, Brother: Joe Smith and his wife Pat, and 9 Grandchildren.

A celebration of Clay's eternal life will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at Longswamp Bed and Breakfast 1605 State St. Mertztown, PA. A calling hour open to all family and friends will be held from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M. followed by a private service for family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Lehigh County Humane Society 640 Dixon St. Allentown, PA 18103

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Long Swamp Bed And Breakfast
1605 State Road
Mertztown, PA

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Janet, I am so sorry about the loss of Clay. May the Lord give you comfort during this time. You will be in our prayers.
Adrienne and Jarrett Witt



Jarrett Witt - September 04, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Clayton "Clay" Smith.



September 03, 2020 at 09:29 AM

AC

“ When Kimberly first introduced me to Clay 39 years ago he made it very clear I had to prove to him I was worthy of marrying his first child. It didn't take long and from there on he treated me like his own. I'll never forget the first dinner he prepared for me. It was one of the best meals I've ever had that included a Caesar salad made tableside. Kim still uses his recipe book that he gave us. And in 1988 Kimberly and I had an enormous, unforgettable wedding and we have him to thank for our most special day. Thank you for all of the memories Dad. We will miss you.

Andrew Clemente - September 03, 2020 at 05:30 AM

SR

“ *What an honor to share my life with Clay. Always energized and loved his work protecting children and the Believers In Business networking group. I will see you later, my friend. Scotty Redfield*

Scott Redfield - September 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Clayton "Clay" Smith.*



September 01, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Clayton "Clay" Smith.*



September 01, 2020 at 02:16 PM

RF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Clay was such a dedicated and caring individual. I was lucky enough to work with him during my time at Community Services for Children in Allentown. And while we were partnering around work, he was always interested in my family and what was new with my son. Clay was a kind and generous individual and I know he will be missed by many. May his memory and love live forever in your hearts.*

Rebecca Fenerty - September 01, 2020 at 01:14 PM

RJ

“ *Ruth & Jerry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Clayton "Clay" Smith.*



Ruth & Jerry - September 01, 2020 at 09:02 AM

JB

“ *I remember when Clay had his second aneurysm surgery at Hershey Medical Center. It was at that time, Clay accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. The doctors were used by God to heal his body and The Holy Spirit led him to Christ to heal his soul. When Clay took his last breath on earth, He immediately stood in the presence of Almighty God because he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He is now part of the great cloud of witnesses. We will keep Janet, Justin, Nikki and their families in our prayers.*

God Bless You.

Jim and Gloria Brashear

Jim Brashear - September 01, 2020 at 08:56 AM