



## William "Bill" E. Smith

November 24, 1938 - February 12, 2021

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William "Bill" E. Smith, age 82, of Chester Springs, PA, passed away on Friday, February 12, 2021.

He was sleeping peacefully in his dreams and decided to stay.

Born in West Chester, PA, Bill was the son of the late John and Rita (Zuill) Smith. He and his wife, Lila A. Smith, with whom he had shared 44 years of marriage, at the time of her passing in 2015, lived in Chester Springs most of their lives. Bill is survived by his two sons, Erle and his wife Amanda Smith of Millersville, Brian Smith of Chester Springs, granddaughter Sadie Mae, "adopted" granddaughters Alessia Buoso and Zoe Murphy; his siblings Rita Wesler, Mildred Geringer and Ronald Smith; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Smith and his sisters, Flora Trego, Doris Gottier and Shirley Harp.

Bill graduated in 1958 from Downingtown High School, served in the National Guard and was employed by Transco Pipeline where he worked for 37 years until his retirement in 1997. Bill was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester Springs and the Chester Valley Grange 1496 in Devault, PA. He was an avid gardener, baker, and handyman. In addition, he was involved in many community organizations. But most of all he enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his loving wife. You would never find them without one another. Bill was a loving husband, father, grandfather and dear friend to all. He will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be held in the spring time at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1239 Clover Mill Road, Chester Springs, PA 19425. Burial will take place privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church at the above address. Condolences may be offered online by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

# Comments

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“ Bill and Lila met me and my late husband Orlin Johnson on an Alaskan Cruise. Lila was awaiting knee surgery; Orlin had spina bifida so with the two wheelchairs we saved each other places on all modes of transportation. We became instant friends. We later took another cruise together to Panama Canal. They insisted we come see them in PA so we spent a wonderful week together at their home. Since Orlin and Lila's deaths, Bill and I have stayed in almost daily contact via e-mail!! Our interests, religious and political; and our shared sense of humor gave us much to share. It brings tears to know those three are joined in their heavenly home and I am still awaiting my call!!! They loved their sons and families and extended family and friends! I now live at the Lake of the Ozarks and have had MANY deaths through age and covid. Sorry to be so late in catching up on e-mails. God bless you and my sympathy!!! I so appreciate you e-mailing me the notice.  
Norma Johnson

**Norma L Johnson** - March 29 at 01:12 PM

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“ I worked with and for Bill (Granny to some) from 1984 till he retired. Bill was always a hard worker and as a foreman he was always involved with the work. Bill had a great love for his family and I met both his sons and his wife at numerous company functions. Bill cared about his coworkers and always was willing to help me when I was in need! Yall should be proud of your Daddy!! See you in Heaven my friend!

**Tommy Terry** - March 03 at 11:31 AM

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“ We have known Bill for over 50 years. He was a good friend and co-worker throughout all those years. Bill was always ready and willing to help us with any projects or information that we needed. We enjoyed many Dinner Theater Shows (set up by Lila), as well as monthly luncheons at The Ridge and O'Grady with them. Bill was truly one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew him!  
Russell and Mary Lou Tate

**Russell and Mary Lou Tate** - February 21 at 02:39 PM

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**Brian Smith** - February 19 at 09:05 AM

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“ Bill was a wonderful person. I met him at a grange meeting many years ago. Little did i know then that he would later marry Lila and become a relative. I always enjoyed both of them and have missed Lila and now I will also miss Bill. They are together again and I hope you can take comfort in that. Remember all the good times you had with them and your happy moments together. It is the best way to keep them alive forever in your hearts.

Love Orrell

**Orrell Dunn** - February 18 at 07:26 PM

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“ Bill was a wonderful friend. One of the first people I met when we moved to PA many years ago; who remained a dear friend to the end. Bill and Lila were an important part of our lives in Cheater Springs. Erle and Brian, he has forged for you a good path, you will find the strength to go on. They are now together again. May they rest in peace.

Love you and miss you, Tory-Beth

**Tory Beth RadwickHall-** - February 18 at 05:05 PM

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“ Dear big Brother, great friend and mentor. I will always remember all the times he put up with my nutty behavior, showed me how to fix things I had broken and set me back on the proper path. So many memories of the great times and family times we had together. Bill and Lila were always great host and hostess when we made our trips back home to visit with my family. I pray for my two nephews Erle and Brian as they carry on trying to fill in his huge footsteps but know he has set their paths straight too.

**Ronad Smith** - February 18 at 10:13 AM

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“ Uncle Bill was one of a kind. He seemed to always have a smile on his face and I can't think of one instance when he uttered an unkind word. The nickname he gave me was Jill the pill who went up the hill. I remember when he got married and someone wrote on his car Just Married. I enjoyed his stories about Sadie.

Love always  
Jill Harp Clarke

**Jill Harp Clarke** - February 18 at 08:49 AM

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“ Beth Mensch lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. Smith



**Beth Mensch** - February 17 at 09:04 PM

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“ Aunt Lila and Uncle Bill were very down to earth, loving people. Aunt Lila has been sorely missed as will Uncle Bill. Hopefully they are together in Heaven working on a new project together and catching up the past few years they were apart. Heaven's gain and our loss for sure. Rest in Peace Uncle Bill.

**Bill Williams** - February 17 at 06:09 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Erle & Brian. Your dad was a great person. He will be missed. -- Sue (Rohner) Weiland



**Sue Weiland** - February 17 at 02:12 PM



“ So sorry for your lioss. A wonderful person to share our granddaughter with. He will be missed at Holiday and Birthday gatherings. Nel and Julie Berkley



**julie Berkley** - February 17 at 01:26 PM