



Robert J. Smith

August 6, 1959 - February 19, 2021

Robert J. Smith "Little Eagle" - age 61, of Cape May, NJ and formerly from Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware died on Friday, February 19 at his home in Cape May after a lengthy cardiac illness.

Bob was born at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD to his parents Harold and Lula Smith who are both deceased. He is also predeceased by his brother Harold Smith.

Bob worked at many different jobs during his lifetime but the one he was the most proud of was being the owner of RJ Smith Home Improver. He was well known for the quality of his workmanship. According to his children, he could fix anything and was fondly called "Bob the Builder." Bob had many hobbies including fishing, crabbing, hunting, tending to his many chickens and gardening. He was very proud of his Native American Heritage and also enjoyed beading and making dream catchers. He was a former Chief of the Mid-Atlantic Cherokee in Delaware. He visited many organizations, schools and other events with his best friend (brother) Bruce "Little Drummer" Morris sharing their Native American Culture. Bob also participated in Old Dover Days, Salem County, NJ Powwow and the Nanticoke Powwow in Millsboro, DE. Bob encouraged his own family to learn about their Native American Heritage and assisted several of his family with making their regalia.

Bob is a former scout leader for Troop 903 in Dover, DE. He also shared his Native American culture for many boy and girl scout troops throughout DE and NJ. As a former leader of Troop 903, Bob earned his Order of the Arrow and was very proud of that accomplishment. Bob was known to many as being gentle, quiet, stoic, a mentor and a teacher. Bob became a friend to all he met.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Catherine Gresimer Smith. They enjoyed their blended family which includes Kenny (and Jessica) Smith, Katrina (and Antonio) Delgado, Jason Eubanks and Brandon Eubanks and 8 grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his brothers John (Cathy), Donald (Star) and Thomas Smith and by his

sisters Dorothy Wyatt and Patricia (Gene) Dise. Bob also enjoyed spending time with and loved each and every one of his many nieces and nephews.

Bob and his wife Cathy also shared their home with several exchange students through AFS; especially Carol from Brazil, Rodolphe from France and Miami from Thailand. To this day all 3 still refer to their American parents as Dad and Mom and have kept in close contact with them.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at a later date when the Covid-19 restrictions ease.

Tribute Wall

CA

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I miss your Brazilian daughter who takes you wherever she goes.

Carol - March 02, 2021 at 10:50 PM

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BJ

“ Billy And Jonelle Jones lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Smith



Billy and Jonelle Jones - March 02, 2021 at 09:29 PM

JD

We loved Bob, "Little Eagle" and are hearts are broken! He was such a Wonderful Friend and Wonderful Human Being! And he was a Wonderful "Brother" to my Brother, Bruce, "Little Drummer" and that always warmed my heart! To see them together, always made everyone smile because they were laughing and smiling which was so refreshing! Bob, like my Brother, was a kind man! I'm so glad we had the opportunity to talk with Bob during his last few days of his life and tell him we loved him like we always did. I will continue to proudly wear my feather in my hair that Bob gave me when I dance at our Powwows and Gatherings and will always keep it when I can't wear it anymore. And the dreamcatcher he made us will always be displayed in our home. Rest In Peace our dear "Bob, Little Eagle". We Love you and will Miss You. Our Parents Loved You also and I'm sure they greeted you when you went to Heaven! We'll all be together with the Creator again someday! Love to all of Bob's Family - We Love you too and thinking of You All. God Bless You. Wanishi/Aho

"Love"

Jan, "Running Dove", Tony, "Painted Pony" and Family

Jan Durham - March 02, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JS

Bob Little Eagle Smith is one of the best people you could ask for. He loved everyone and everything he came in contact with. He is the reason for our family finding out roots which he will never be forgotten for. I will miss him dearly and love him forever.

Your Loving Brother

John Running Bear

John Smith - March 02, 2021 at 06:18 PM



Bob was one of the most kind hearted people,you will ever meet.I wish i could tell him how much i apperciate him pushing me to find my native side,without his push,I would have never attempted to celebrate our native culturem.Bob will never be forgotten and one day we will dance together again.Fly high little eagle

Buddy Aiken - March 02, 2021 at 07:25 PM

BD

He was the best uncle!! Never raised his voice, always had something that would get you to thinking. It's still hard to believe that you're gone. We will keep your memory alive. Thank you for pushing us to get in touch with our culture. I love you and until we meet again....

Belinda Gentle Hands(thank you for this—it fits me perfectly!!)

belinda dise - March 02, 2021 at 07:47 PM