



## Eugene Robert "Bob" Smith

September 25, 1936 - December 30, 2022

Eugene Robert Smith passed to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father on December 30th 2022.

He spent 86 wonderful years making priceless memories while loving family and friends. He was born on September 25, 1936 to his parents, Eugene C & Datha Adaline Smith. They would begin raising the man others would call: Bob, E.R. and to some Papa, in Fairmont, West Virginia.

At the age of 12 he swept floors of their family business; J&S Machine Shop, and would later succeed his father at this business. During his academic years he was enrolled in the Eagle Scouts and East Fairmont High School, class of 1954. Additionally, he attended WVU and Fairmont State University and joined the Army Reserves where he gained considerable intellect and leadership skills. Adventurous activities ran through the course of his life, some more daring than others. He was a member of the WVU swim team, avid water and snow skier. His supreme joys were fast cars and aviation. He was the pleased owner of a 1957 Chevrolet Convertible; which he may have raced illegally from time to time. His need for velocity really took place in the sky as he learned the art of flying. He became a private pilot of his father's airplane; The Aztec 5622 YANKEE.

In 1954 he met his devoted wife Karolyn Jeanne Smith. They married in 1959, spending 68 treasured years together. Bob and Karolyn went on to shape the

lives of their sons Robert Chadwell Smith and Gregory Eugene Smith. In addition to his children, he passionately became a devoted father figure to every family member that entered the Smith family line, a very deep list of loved ones. Timeless wisdom from Bob Smith; was such but not limited to, perseverance, schlepping boating gear up the hill at Beach Lane, stick shift driving, flying the Aztec, engineering, water-skiing, or snow skiing backwards with a cowboy hat on.

Outside of family life he was active in community organizations. As Chairman of the CB&T Bank board, instrumental in the early improvement of the Fairmont Municipal Airport and board member, Bob tirelessly worked to establish what is the Airport in Fairmont. He became involved on the Huntington Bank board and TMC Technologies board, Bob shared his wealth of management knowledge with the greater Fairmont area.

In 2018 Bob and Karolyn retired, moving to Bonita Springs Florida. He would become a member in their Tuckaweye community in Bonita Bay, a contested bocce player, a member of the Boating cruising club and the fine owner of the Aztec II; a Chaparral boat.

In his last days he was surrounded by his wife Karolyn and family who loved him for all he was. He is now reunited with his favorite co-machinist (son) Chad Smith, bubbly granddaughter Zoe Adeline Louise Smith, his parents and many others.

His spirit lives on by his wife Karolyn and son Greg Smith, daughter in law Kim Earhart Smith, grandchildren Tori Nicole Smith, Robert Cameron Smith and Sofia Virginia Smith, siblings Sue Post, Sherry Brown and husband David, brothers-in-law Gary Pigott and wife Pam, Rick Pigott and wife Nancy, sister-in-law Debbie (Pigott) Martin and husband Mike and many other extended family and friends from every walk of life.

A Celebration of Bob's life is to be held at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers the family requests that people make a donation to the Hope Hospice, Bonita Springs Fla, Parkinson's Association of Southwest Florida.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs  
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Robert "Bob" Smith

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ I have such fond memories of working for Bob and spending time with Bob and Carolyn during the four years of living in WV. My thoughts and prayers are with you Karolyn, Greg and family. BJ Gorman

**B J Gorman** - January 17, 2023 at 09:29 PM



“ Although many years have passed, I remember Bob well from East Fairmont and TBI at Fairmont State. Just a super good guy that we all knew would have a most successful and distinguished career. Sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family. Richard Thralls, Front Royal, Virginia

**Richard Thralls** - January 07, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene Robert "Bob" Smith.



January 07, 2023 at 08:58 AM

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“ TMC Technologies was formed 27 years ago in the J&S Machine conference room. Bob was instrumental in the formation, initial funding, and ongoing advice & support of TMC for many years. He was always there for TMC, especially during the hard times. We will miss him.



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**Wade Linger** - January 03, 2023 at 02:44 PM

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“ So many good times with Bob, Jan, and myself on the River with Joe Pat and all the water skiing. We sank many empty beer bottles in the Tigard Valley River. Bob and I served in Service Battery Twenty Corp. Artillery. Also TBI frat. at Fairmont State. What a special guy!!! From Braden Welty

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**T. Braden Welty** - January 03, 2023 at 11:25 AM

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“ On behalf of the Officers & Brothers of TBI Alumni Association and Tau Beta Iota Fraternity, I should like to extend our condolences at the passing of Brother Smith.

*Brother Bob, and all TBI's who have left us during the past year will be remembered at the Memorial Service held during our annual Founders Day Dinner in March.*

*Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.  
President  
TBI Alumni Association*

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**TBI Alumni Association** - January 02, 2023 at 06:27 PM