



## Robert Warren Smith

May 18, 1950 - April 9, 2025

Robert Warren Smith, age 74, died peacefully at his home in Bonita Springs, FL on April 9, 2025 after having fought gallantly against lung cancer.

Robert was born on May 18, 1950 in Kingston, NY to the late Richard S. and Faith M. Smith. He and his family moved to Summerville, SC when he was young where he graduated from Summerville High School. Robert then went on to obtain a BS degree in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University. Early in his career Robert worked for several manufacturing companies which included overseas assignments in England and Switzerland. In 1985 Robert went to work for Ingersoll Rand Company in Davidson, NC where he was employed in various technical and managerial roles until his retirement in 2009.

Robert was an avid Clemson football fan who enjoyed playing and watching golf, boating on Lake Norman and following and investing in the stock market. He will be remembered for his outgoing, friendly nature, his generosity and quickness to “pick up the tab”, and his eagerness to help others whether it was with a physical project or with his sought out advice. He will be especially missed by his wife of 28 years, Mary.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death earlier this year by his twin sister, Patricia. Along with his wife, those left to cherish his memory

include his sisters Susan Hansen (Richard) and Holly Jacobs (Steve), sister-in-law Michelle Schmitt (Steve), brothers-in-law Joe DeJohn (Sandy) and Denver LaPierre and nephews Jack Hansen (Patty), David Hansen (Dawn), and Adam Jacobs (Kelley) and nieces Nicole McAllister (Justin), Shelly Jacobs, Grace Garrison (Andrew) and Samantha DeJohn.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, Hope Development Dept., 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rob was a friend and co-worker for many years at Ingersoll-Rand. He was very funny. One of the best memories of Rob that I have was back in 2008, when the stock market crashed and we were comparing our IR 401K plans. I had moved all of my 401K from investments in stocks and equities into safe options before the market crashed, while Rob almost started to cry, because he had left his 401K in stocks and equities. It's not funny, but the look on Rob's face was precious. I have many more pleasant memories of Rob. I hadn't seen Rob since he retired and moved to Florida, but we had message a couple of times. I will miss his humor and friendship. The world has lost another great guy. RIP my good friend! Tom Vincent - Mooresville, NC

Tom Vincent - April 10, 2025 at 08:55 PM

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Thank you for your warm memories and comments Tom! Mary Smith

mary smith - April 14, 2025 at 09:00 PM

BH

Thanks to Rob I was able to retire at 44. His leadership helped put IR in the condition it's in today ! Rob always knew everything about 401k and real estate and when to sale ? Stay warm.

Boyce Hamer - August 28, 2025 at 11:33 AM

JS

“ Rob hired me back in 2000 and I had the privilege to work for and with him at Ingersoll Rand until his retirement. He was always "passionate" in everything he did. I have great memories working with and knowing him. I am forever grateful for his taking a chance on hiring me so many years ago. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to know him.

*My condolences and prayers for the family.*

*-John Smith*

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**John Smith** - April 10, 2025 at 01:22 PM

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*Thank you so much for your comments John! Mary Smith*

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**mary smith** - April 14, 2025 at 09:02 PM