



Andrew McCulloch Smith

December 9, 2007

Andrew "Smitty" McCulloch Smith, age 87 of Hagwood Circle and formerly of Elmwood Park, New Jersey died Sunday, December 9, 2007 at Conway Medical Center following an illness. Mr. Smith was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, a son of the late Patrick and Jane McCulloch Smith. He was a US Merchant Marine Veteran of World War II and was a member and instructor with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Smith was an avid boater. Prior to retirement, he was employed by Breyers Ice Cream Company and also had been employed by Conway Chrysler Dodge Jeep. Mr. Smith was predeceased by a daughter, Patricia Smith. He was of the Catholic faith. Surviving are: one daughter, Bonnie Smith Hughes and her husband Steve of Conway; one grand daughter, Debra Smith Girgenti and her husband Tommy of Saddle Brook, New Jersey; two step grandchildren, Dawn Warman and her husband Dan of Dover, Delaware, Shawn Hughes and his wife Diana of Conway; four step great grand daughters, Jessica Warman, Ashlie, Warman, Syndi Warman and Alexa Hughes; two special nieces, Kathleen Grauson and Rose Smith; special friend, Roena "Toots" Vaught; and several nieces, nephews, and in-laws. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a prayer service being held at 7:00 PM. Memorials may be sent to the Conway Medical Center, Bonnie Hughes Endowment, P.O. Box 829, Conway, SC 29528.

Tribute Wall



“ We heard of Andy's death about a year ago. We never knew where or when any Memorial Service was planned. Kathy Horn notified us last night of Andy's upcoming internment. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your family. Both of us have very fond and loving memories of Andy. May God Bless him.##imported-begin##Tim & Val Mee##imported-end##

November 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie and Steve, We miss you guys and will especially miss Smitty. He was definitely a "rock," the unsung hero that was often behind the scenes but played a huge role of the success in our lives. He was Mr Reliable always willing to pick up or drop off a stray Cadet usually me who happened to take a red eye flight into Newark Airport. I always thought it was nice that you guys would have someone there to keep you in line when I wasn't around to keep you straight. I don't recall Smitty being involved in any flying food episodes but I do think he was there to witness Miss NJ at my 21st b-day party. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies go out to you. We will always remember Smitty. Love, David and Julie##imported-begin##David and Julie McCloskey##imported-end##

January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Smitty has been in my life since the day I was born. He was not only my brother-in-law, married to my sister, but also my Godfather. He would tell everyone I introduced him to how when I was little and received a gift from anyone I would always run to him and give him a big hug and kiss for it. Smitty and my sister gave me a necklace that says LOVE and I have worn that more than any other jewelry I own. I will even cherish it more now, because that one word LOVE was Smitty. There will never be another Smitty and anyone who knew him knows how blessed we all were to have him in our lives. I know he is with the true love of his life now, but I am so grateful for the love he was able to share with Rowena "Toots" who was a wonderful companion for him in his final years. To Bonnie and Steve, it is time for you both to relax and not have to worry about Smitty, I think 18 years was long enough and I know how much he loved you both. He told Al & I on Friday, at the hospital, that you took good care of him. You will go through some sad times, but remember the happy ones and you will shed tears of joy. He wouldn't want you to be sad. There are so many things that I think of that took place with him and laugh. The one memory he just brought up to us at the hospital was when we were at a Coast Guard dinner and my sister and I went to look for Smitty and Al and they were across the hall dancing with the Bride at some strangers wedding. There are so many wonderful memories and I will cherish them forever with laughter and tears. Smitty we will all miss you. Give everyone of the Wonderful Angels, who have gone before you, a big hug from me and send them my love. Until we meet again I LOVE YOU! Dot###imported-begin###Dorothy Ruth###imported-end###

December 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I have to thank Smitty for sharing his most prized possession, his daughter Bonnie. I will always remember him telling me how much I would miss this old Bast****. Well an hour after he passed, I broke down in tears and told Bonnie he was right I miss the old Bast****. You have set sail on your final voyage, have a good trip. ##imported-begin##steve hughes##imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie I hope that the passage of several days now has allowed you to gain a good perspective on what a wonderful man your father was. The easiest way for you to realize that is to think back to the times when he was with your friends and how much they enjoyed his company. As you know, we did not know Smitty well but both Syble and I thoroughly enjoyed being around him and listening to his stories. ##imported-begin##Tom and Syble Evans##imported-end##

December 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Smitty was a special part of our family. It's so hard to accept that he will not be with us at Christmas as he's always been. Last year he was so sweet and patient as Alexa repeatedly sang the songs from her Christmas program. He loved how she started each one...1, 2, 3... The night before Smitty passed away we went to visit him at the hospital and Alexa performed this year's Christmas songs for Dot and Al and Smitty. Smitty was resting peacefully, but I know he was smiling inside as "the baby" sang to him. He referred to Alexa now 4 years old as "the baby" because he could never remember her name. We brought Smitty's Christmas card to him at the hospital and hung it so he could see Alexa's picture on it. It means a lot to me that he was so proud of her that he told the nurses that she was his granddaughter. Last fall we visited Smitty at CMC and he won Alexa's heart by giving her his strawberries. Anytime we spoke of Smitty Alexa would say "I love Smitty...he's so nice". For many years Smitty would drive me to the airport anytime I traveled to NJ. If he picked me up from the airport he'd insist on taking me to lunch. The funniest time was when he was supposed to pick me up at my house at 9:30 and take me to airport. He walked passed Shawn in the shop around 9:45 and Shawn said you're back already from the airport? Smitty yelled sh*# and took off for his van. He had forgotten. That was probably the only time he was ever late. If he told you he'd come by at 11:00 he'd be there by 10:30. When he and Shawn went to Wilmington to visit the ship in February he was in our driveway 45 minutes early ready to go. We enjoyed going out to eat with Smitty and spending time with Smitty. Most of all I loved to witness the relationship Shawn and Smitty had. They would go to boat shows each year and shared the dream of owning those fancy yachts. They went to Charleston and Wilmington where Smitty was like a kid in a candy store. He taught Shawn all about the ships and told him stories about the war like they were yesterday. Smitty shared a little of his wood working expertise with Shawn when they built the work bench in our garage. Along with Steve they put up a fence to keep Dallas in our yard. Watching the three of them "work together" I'm surprised it's still standing 6 years later. It was so nice to see how much Smitty and Shawn loved each other. They'd do

anything for each other. They had so much fun spending time together. We'd go out on Smitty's boat and I still have to laugh when I picture him with sunscreen all over his face and head...not rubbed in at all... there's Smitty with a totally white head and face. Smitty was such a sweet man. Last February my dad was visiting from NJ and Smitty was in the hospital so dad and I went to visit him. My father had a triple bypass a few months before and that was the first time Smitty had seen him since. Here's Smitty lying in the hospital bed and he's asking my dad how he's feeling. I have many fond memories of Smitty and I miss him already.##imported-begin##Diana Hughes##imported-end##

December 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Family of Mr. Andrew McCulloch Smith I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you. Although we are not acquainted with one another, we are acquainted with the pain when our loved ones fall asleep in death. Jesus taught us to pray for God's Kingdom to come here upon the earth as it is in the heavens. The fact that the the heavens is peaceful, no sickness, death, etc. is surely a place where we would like to be. So when we pray for these conditions to come on the earth, we are asking God to restore the earth back to its original condition when he created the first Man and Woman. That Kingdom will be a reality here on the earth. The Scriptures promises that the day is soon to come in which death will be no more and that Almighty God Jehovah will wipe away the tears of sorrow from our eyes forever. He promises too that your loved ones, my loved ones and many others will hear his voice and come out of the memorial tombs graves to live in heaven-like conditions right here on the earth.##imported-begin##Annette Pegues##imported-end##

December 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I got to know Smitty as I work for the Hughes. On occasion we would meet for dinner. Early because I had to go back to work. I would make it a point to let the cashier know that I was paying ,so that she would not charge him. This one time when calling to meet, he told me,"I'm paying or I'll give you a black eye." When going through checkout, the lady looked at me and asked if I was paying for both. I told her no. She looked at me as if... I said "I don't want a black eye.". One day I mentioned a problem to him I was having, and his response to me was,"You always have to look out for number one,because no one else will. People will help you, but you are the only person who can look out for you". I take those words to heart graciously and cautiously because I learned his meaning with them. Thank you Smitty. People did learn from your words. I know I did. God bless Bonnie, Steve, and every one of us who will miss our friend SMITTY.##imported-begin##Larry Thompson##imported-end##

December 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I never really knew too much of Smitty growing up. We would go to their house for dinner when I would visit with Steve and Bonnie. Smitty was so proud of his wife's cooking. Later when he came to S.C. I got to know Smitty a bit better. I remember the first month he was here and he called from Conway National and said "Shawn, I just hit the curb and blew the tire out. I need you to fix it before Steve finds out." So I went and changed the tire and fixed it. He was so scared of Steve finding out. Then we went on the boat and he was teaching me to drive. I didn't know which way to pass when a big boat was coming. I yelled "Smitty, Smitty " and he was asleep mouth wide open. I remember the day we tried to turn the boat around and he fell in the water in January. That really scared me. The best times I had with Smitty were going to Charleston and Wilmington and going on the ships. He really taught me a lot and I have such respect for him of what he did during WWII. Everytime I see a boat or ship I will think of Smitty with fond memories. In Charleston he went to the bathroom and was in there over 10 minutes talking to everyone that was in there. Of course as loud as he was I could hear it all. The last thing I will remember is Alexa eating his strawberries at the hospital and he always talked about her eating his strawberries. I will think of him everytime I see them. There is so much that can be written about a man that was such a good husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Smitty I will miss you and enjoy all the fond memories we shared and all you taught me.##imported-begin##Shawn Hughes##imported-end##

December 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I only knew "Smitty" for a couple of years but it seemed like a lifetime. Bonnie told him that I was "family" and that is just how he treated me. I so cherish all the conversations we had when I stayed with him while Bonnie and Steve were away and when I would visit with him at Medstar. He was such a sweet, kind man with that little impish grin. We are all lucky to have known him. I miss him so much already. God's speed Smitty. I Love You!! Kelley##imported-begin##Kelley Hiller##imported-end##

December 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Having heard about "Smitty" for a long time, we were thrilled to meet this smiling, polite and helpful father when he delivered Bonnie to our home for a get together. But he could not remain for a drink because he had a date with his girlfriend. His sparkling eyes and hugh smile let us know how much he enjoyed his time with her. We are fortunate to have had Smitty enrich our lives. His stories of the war, his boat and times with Bonnie and Steve will be remembered and missed.##imported-begin##Carole & John Sanders##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Andy was such a good hearted person,lots of fun and sincere..When he visited NJ we would go to lunch and have a good time talking..Having been a neighbor of his brother Al, MaryRose and Bobby for 35 years we became extended family. He will be loved and remembered always..God Speed Andy...Susie ,Johnny and Michele Herbst and family##imported-begin##Susan A. Herbst##imported-end##

December 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I had to pleasure of knowing Smitty for the last 21 years. Great memories from West Point, NJ and SC. He was always a steady voice of reason as I made my way through life. Could easily put a situation in context and share a story that would swallow yours up. A great man that will be greatly missed. Mark Landes###imported-begin###Mark Landes###imported-end###

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Above love, life & relationships...Smitty,Bonnie,Steve,family, friends and community. How could we be more fortunate?Smitty-loving,giving, CNB's daily sunshine,upper 80's,happy,funny until the end.Bonnie...loving,giving,wonderful daughter & friend.Steve,loving,giving son-in-law & friend.You all give so much back to family & friends. How fortunate for our community that you are here because you give so much to everyone you touch.Hope we can all have just a bit of Smitty in all of us. Much love, Billy & Timna###imported-begin###Billy & Timna Benson###imported-end###

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ What a great father we had to be with us so long. Our hearts are alittle heavy right now, but we keep remembering different things that happened in our lives with Smitty. There was not a day that would go by that he did not tell me he loved me.He was moving out several times, like when he ran over our brand new fence.But even in the end, he thanked us and loved us. We love & miss you too Dad. All our love, Bonnie & Steve###imported-begin###Bonnie & Steve Hughes###imported-end###

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ SMITTY WAS THE GRANDFATHER THAT ALL OF US WHO WORKED WITH HIM NEEDED. HE MADE US LAUGH SO HARD AT ALL HIS TALES THAT HE TOLD US AND THE JOKES, ESPECIALLY THE ONE ABOUT THE BUS. HE CRACKED US UP WITH HIS "I'M DRUNK" ANTICS. WE TRULY LOVED WATCHING THE ONES WHO DID NOT KNOW HE WAS FAKING TRY TO HELP TO HIS CHAIR SO HE WOULD NOT "FALL DOWN". GOING TO PICK UP LUNCH WITH SMITTY WAS AN EXCITING TIME WONDERING IF WE WOULD MAKE IT BACK. THE LORD TRULY HAD ANGELS LOOKING OUT FOR US SOMETIMES. WHEN WE WOULD SAY SMITTY THAT WAS CLOSE, HE WOULD JUST GIVE US THAT LITTLE GRIN AND SAY I HAD PLENTY OF ROOM. I WISH WE HAD THOUSANDS OF HOURS LEFT TO LISTEN TO YOUR STORIES. IF YOU CAN LOOK DOWN AND SEE US, PLEASE ASK THAT ANGEL THAT KEPT YOU SAFE TO LOOK OVER US AND GUARD US. REMEMBER SMITTY WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.##imported-begin##LYNN SMITH##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ We all share in the loss of a wonderful person. We remember those occasions when Smitty would stay with us. In the morning, there he would be on the edge of the bed just waiting to begin his "adventure" of the day. We can honestly say we never met anyone who didn't just love this wonderful man. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Pete & Bobbie Bomersbach##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I think when I first met him he was always offering us ice cream. Seeing him hold Jessi at 4 weeks and not knowing who had more hair? He always had a smile on his face. Beautiful blue eyes - maybe that is where Jess and Syd got them from? Listening to him and Dad argue over coffee, eggs and anything else to start the morning off.. Oh, and let us not forget taking him to the slots in Dover at 11:00 PM and having him clean up on the 5 cent machines! He will be missed..##imported-begin##Dawn, Dan, Jessi, Ashli and Sydni##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Steve and Bonnie, Sorry to hear about the death of your father, I'll keep you in my prayers##imported-begin##Wayne Wise##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Smitty was the type of grandfather everyone wished they had. He cared for anyone that he came in contact with, and he let them know it. He was an amazing man. Just being able to see him and talk to him last week was amazing for me. His love of Daisy and Buster was precious. I am sure Daisy is going to miss her sleeping partner. He is truly going to be missed!! He was amazing. I love you Bonnie and Steve Love, Your Daughter##imported-begin##Whitney Hiller##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sing Uncle Andy, sing, "I had a hat when I came in I hung it on the rack and I'll have a hat when I go out or I'll break somebody's back. I'm a peaceful loving man I am, and I don't want to shout, BUT I had a hat when I came in, and I'll have a hat when I go out." We will love you and miss you forever. Please give Aunt Mat a kiss from us when you see her again in Heaven. Not the first kiss of course, we are sure you are saving that one for you.##imported-begin##Kevin, Jill, Devin & Julia Ruth##imported-end##

December 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Andy, To our favorite uncle in the whole wide world. We will miss you dearly. Your giving heart, your humor, your stories, your love for your family, your dogs, your friends, for boats, for AC, we will never forget you. You were the best! Continue your great life but now in heaven with the other ones you love. Love you always and forever, Allyson, Bob, Bobby & Christopher
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December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the great opportunity to see Smitty this past summer when we visited Bonnie and Steve at their home. He was a delightful man with a engaging personality. It was an honor to receive one of Smitty's handmade stools. It sits proudly in our living room and it is lovingly used by our boys for sitting and climbing. It's fondly referred to by the boys as their "boat." They turn it upside down, climb in and push each other around the room. We will miss Smitty. It was an honor to know him. God bless you, Bonnie and Steve. With love,
Morri##imported-begin##Morri Landes##imported-end##

December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Its always hard to lose a parent but I think it is especially hard this time of year. I know he's in a better place with good friends and family that have gone before him. I know that does little to help your pain at the moment but remember always how much he was loved by all who knew him. One of my best memories of Andy is when he came running across the street and jumped in the pool at 105. Loosing everything including his suit! He wanted to make a big slash and he sure did. In all thse years he is always rembered by my family with great love.* Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Horn###imported-end##

December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Andy, You will always be remembered for your great humor, stories, love of the ocean and kind and loving heart. We will miss you and always love you. Give Aunt Mat a kiss from us. We will always remember "I had a hat when I came in and I'll have a hat when I go out." 7&7's###imported-begin###Keith, Cindy, Cody and Austin Ruth###imported-end##*

December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will miss "Smitty", truly a warm and unforgettable friend. We will miss the hours of stories about his travels in his Merchant Marine service while relaxing on our boat. He could light up a room when he entered and he could make sure you felt like you were a lifelong friend. We were honored to be one of those friends. We will cherish the book he gave us and keep it prominently on our boat. We look forward to meeting again in the Old Mariner's Heaven.###imported-begin###Tod & Roberta Mack###imported-end##*

December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I was blessed with the opportunity to get to know Smitty, when I house sat for Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, when they vacationed in Aruba last year. Smitty was very young at heart and full at life. I sat with Smitty and talked about his days in the war, how brutally cold it was working in the ice cream business and how lucky he was to have such a wonderful daughter Bonnie Hughes. Smitty lived his life to the fullest everyday! He was truly a great man that enriched the life of everyone who he came into contact with. Smitty was quite the ladies man!! I will forever cherish the time I spend with Andrew Smith.##imported-begin##Lori Boggs##imported-end##

December 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ It is truly a sad day for me today. Smitty was a genuine and sweet person, and one of the kindest people I've ever known. I feel blessed to have known him and to have had the opportunity to chat with him over the past several years. I loved hearing him talk about working on the ice cream truck in Jersey, or telling me stories about when he was in the service. It seemed like everywhere I saw him the bank, post office, etc, everyone loved him. He has touched many lives, and I'm sure many people are grieving with his family at this time. He truly was a very special person and won't be forgotten. May God comfort his family and friends during this time and always. Smitty, our water cooler here will never be the same again. We miss you already.##imported-begin##Jennifer Rochester - First Citizens##imported-end##

December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bonnie and Steve, I am so sad to hear of Smitty's passing. He was such a wonderful, wonderful man. I have such great memories of talking with him and how sweet he was to my boys. Everyone who had the great fortune to meet him will miss him greatly. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Buffy Smith###imported-begin##Buffy Smith###imported-end##

December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR SMITTY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE STORIES, WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU. THANKS TIMMY & BROOK BADURSKI###imported-begin##TIMMY BADURSKI###imported-end##

December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie, Steve, Sean, and family: We were truly saddened by Smitty's passing. We will always remember him for his kindness, his stories, his easy laugh, his smile and the twinkle in his eye when he launched into a story. He was one of a kind, and he was fun to be around, fun to have around. This whole area has lost a friend. We hope you take some small measure of comfort that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. It is not hard to envision Smitty finding his niche in heaven and spreading joy there, too. Brian and Diane###imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Brian J. Filter###imported-end##

December 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I enjoyed meeting and caring for your father, "Smitty". He was pleasant, very polite and a joy to know. I am so sorry for your lost.##imported-begin##Judy Gifford, LPN##imported-end##

December 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Bonnie and Steve, It was with saddest to learn of Smitty passing.May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.Smitty is now in a better place, no more pain,no worries and with his true love Mrs. Smith and Patrica.I will always remember our talks when I was working at Fairway Dodge and Conway Chrysler. With saddest, Bill and Alma##imported-begin##Bill Tremble & Family##imported-end##

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