

James John "Jimsey" Smith

July 11, 1940 - May 30, 2015

James "Jimsey" Smith formerly of Brooklyn and Monroe NY passed away peacefully at home on May 30, 2015 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born on July 11, 1940 in Greenpoint Brooklyn. He is survived by his loving wife Frances of 54 years, his wonderful children Colleen Buck, Laurie Byrne and her husband Roger Ferreira, Jimmy Smith and his wife Stella, Robert Smith and his wife Lynn, and Kathy Smith; 9 beautiful grandchildren Cheryl, Michelle, James III, Kellie, Chris, Timmy, Brian, Tyler, Emily, his beloved Bandit, his brothers Tom and Billy and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parent James and Margaret Smith. He was a Life Member of the Old Greenpointers' Association, past member of the One Twenty Fishing Club, the Chopin Club, the Brewery Delivery Local #46 and The Knights of Columbus all of Greenpoint, the International Union of Operating Engineers of NYC and the Elks Lodge #1771 of Myrtle Beach. An avid ballplayer, playing into his 50's, both in Greenpoint Brooklyn and Monroe NY softball leagues as shortstop and hot corner, making it hard to get a ball passed him. He was inducted into the Greenpoint Softball League Hall of Fame on July 11, 2004. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation to a Hospice of your choice in Jimsey's honor.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of James John "Jimsey" Smith



Goldfinch Funeral Home - June 02, 2015 at 08:59 AM

MA

Beautiful tribute to your husband, dad, our neighbor and friend.

marybelyski - June 02, 2015 at 07:15 PM



Mary that's so nice of you , I am so lucky to have you and Richie for neighbors .

Frances Smith - June 02, 2015 at 08:38 PM

SN

I will never forget him.. but mostly when he was fixing the car and it went on fire.. miss my neighbors.. :)

Sabrina Nicosia - June 03, 2015 at 08:16 PM

TS

LOVE THIS ~ What amazing pictures same smile throughout the years

Toni Septh - June 06, 2015 at 11:48 AM

JN

“ *John F Nash lit a candle in memory of James John "Jimsey" Smith*



John F Nash - July 11, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James John "Jimsey" Smith.*



June 06, 2015 at 12:30 PM

TS

“ *The very first time I meant Jimsey, he gave me the biggest hug and smile and welcomed me and my children like we were family..... I will always remember that smile and his ability to tell it like it is no BS. All my love Jimsey!!!*

Toni Septh & Family

Toni Septh - June 06, 2015 at 11:09 AM

FS

“ *I married this wonderful & loving man 54 years ago , he is my whole life I will remember him 24/7, 365 days a year, no one can take his place .*



Fran smith - June 05, 2015 at 07:22 PM

JN

I am so sorry to hear about this Mrs Smith My sincerest condolences.
John Nash

john nash - July 09, 2015 at 06:48 PM

EL

“ *JIMSEY WAS ONE OF THE FUNNIEST GUYS AROUND HE AND FRAN AND ALL THE KIDS MADE YOU FEEL LIKE FAMILY WE SPENT MANY A NIGHT AT THE TABLE PLAYING GAMES AND DRINKING BEERS WITH AUNT EDDY AND UNCLE HAROLD. THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. I HOLD THESE MEMORIES CLOSE TO MY HEART.SO IT IS WITH HEAVY HEART THAT I SAY FARWELL JIMSEY UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN LOVE YOU.*
ELLEN

ELLEN LANARO - June 05, 2015 at 12:39 PM

BS

“ *Benny & Evelyn Schiller lit a candle in memory of James John "Jimsey" Smith*



Benny & Evelyn Schiller - June 05, 2015 at 10:47 AM

B1

“ Fran & Kids

Now let's see how do I start this off. when I first meet Jimsey it was on a ball field old guy (to me back then anyway) with bluejeans and a fungo bat. thought to myself is he really going to hit with that piece of wood. After the game when we started talking he said he had that bat all his life and never used anything else. I could believe it. It was all banged up. Anyway after the game he asked me if I would like to play on his Snea's team in Washingtonville and it all ended up with me being his bartender at the Mombasha inn which he and Dave took over and that's where the real story start. See me being from the country I was never in the big city. So they bring me to this place they call the Bowery. We were down there buying tables and chairs for the place so I told them don't lose sight of me because they'll never see me again. So down the block we go tagging real close to them and I'm looking around all the interesting sites when what happens. That's right lost them. They ducked into a store an started laughing and made me sweat it out for a while they did. So finally they came out to rescue me and that's when them famous words came out of my mouth. Don't you ever leave me f@#kin alone again (On my knees). They were nice to me for the rest of the trip. So with that I would like to say that it was a pleasure meeting him and his family, he always put first and in my mind he will always be remembered and missed. Hope our paths will cross again some day. Love to you and the kids.

Benny 10

Benny 10 - June 05, 2015 at 10:37 AM

MB

“ *Mary Ellen Beams lit a candle in memory of James John "Jimsey" Smith*



Mary Ellen Beams - June 04, 2015 at 10:31 PM

 Kelli Benton

“ *My Grandmother (and Grandfather) adored Jimsey, my parent did as well. I had a soft spot for him and his adorable smile and my son Mikey thought he was so funny. 4 generations of my family loved this man...his sense of humor had no age limits and we were all blessed to have known him. My heart goes out to all of you who were lucky enough to call him Husband, Dad and Grandpa. I am so grateful I was able to call him my friend, love you guys and I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Kelli Benton - June 03, 2015 at 03:06 PM

NT

“ *Fran I am so sorry passing of your Hubby,, my Prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time ..remember your friend just a keyboard away .Your Angel will be with you always.and all your wonderful life memories . God Bless you .. love you, F B Friend Nora Turnbull..XO*

nora TURNBULL - June 03, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JF

“ Fran, something to make you smile.....I know I am smiling and thinking.....1 night you and I decided to go out and bowl at greenpoint bowl.....well jimsey tracked us down (now called stalking).....as soon as we saw him swaying in we knew we were in for it.....jimsey watched a few of the serious bowlers then sprang into " jimsey action".....he used my winter glove just like a pro and with a few fancy moves made a strike.....the crowd around us started getting bigger and before long he was the main attractionwe laughed til we cried.....that night jimsey showed a lot of people take it light, and have fun in whatever you do.....we did.this is just 1 of many stories we should remember about him, love flo

just flo - June 03, 2015 at 09:54 AM

LB

Good one aunt Flo. Xoxo

Laurie byrne - June 04, 2015 at 08:19 AM

FS

Thanks for that one Flo, we sure have many more 😞

Fran smith - June 06, 2015 at 10:55 PM

LM

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. He was a very gentle soul and such a pleasant man. Our prayers are with you Fran and the rest of the Smith family.

Lise and Paddy Mahoney

lise mahoney - June 01, 2015 at 09:41 PM



Thank you for your caring and heartfelt words

Frances Smith - June 02, 2015 at 08:47 PM

KD

“ Jimmy and I send our heart felt condolences to the entire Smith Family. Jim was one of a kind!!! His always had the Best Smile...It will be missed. We are thinking of all of you and sending prayers.



Jim and Kelly Dillon

Kelly Dillon - June 01, 2015 at 03:54 PM



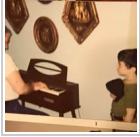
Thank you both so much

Kathy Smith - June 01, 2015 at 05:24 PM



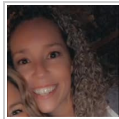
Thank you for your beautiful words .

Frances Smith - June 02, 2015 at 08:42 PM



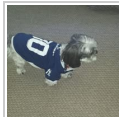
“ As I recall and maybe "Bob" can confirm , I had the honor of filling his shoes at the hot corner, he moved across the diamond to first base . Well game one of the double header although nothing got past me , I made 3 throwing errors . each one soared over his head.
after the third , between innings , he came to me and said " Christ , big guy , your ****ing killing me . I hope you can hit cause you sure as shit cant throw . " I told him don't worry Mr Smith I can hit , well I went 0-4 . after the game while he was bustin my chops I tried to explain to him the pressure of replacing a legend , to which he replied (smiling) go bullsh*t someone else (laughing) . well game two, im happy to say went much smoother , no balls were hit to me . rest in peace Mr Smith and god bless

Andy Richards - June 01, 2015 at 03:34 PM



Thank you so much for that personal memory.

Kathy Smith - June 01, 2015 at 05:22 PM



Thank you for that memory, it made me laugh . Jimsey wife Fran

Frances Smith - June 01, 2015 at 05:24 PM

LB

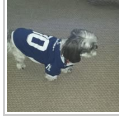
Thanks for that funny memory. I can picture it in my head. Jimsey ' s daughter Laurie

Laurie byrne - June 01, 2015 at 07:00 PM

HF

Frances & family, our deepest sympathy from the Feith+ family.

Henny Feith - June 01, 2015 at 07:10 PM



Thank you Henny,that means a lot .

Frances Smith - June 02, 2015 at 07:22 PM



*Jimsey One of a Kind
Funny witty and oh so sarcastic but never hurtful
I'll miss his smile and his laughter*

kathy layden - June 03, 2015 at 03:57 PM