



## Raymond Kenneth Smith

September 14, 1934 - August 13, 2025

Carolina Forest-

Raymond “Ray” K. Smith, 90, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Mr. Smith was born on September 14, 1934 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to parents Horace and Cecilia Smith.

Mr. Smith was an artist, entrepreneur, real estate investor, and inventor, who enjoyed sailing and skiing in his free time. Mr. Smith studied at the Philadelphia College of Arts, and taught at the Art Institute of Philadelphia. He was a 20th Century version of a Renaissance Man and a creative visionary. He lived true to himself, unburdened by societal conventions. In his retirement years, he was a “Snow Bird” who enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

Mr. Smith is preceded by his parents, Horace Smith and Cecilia Smith; and brother, Frank Smith.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Judith Ann Ferris; children, Todd Smith and his wife Laura Wilkes, Reyna Smith; grandchildren, Jude and Brittany. Services are pending.

Goldfinch Funeral Home- Carolina Forrest Chapel is handling the arrangements.


# Tribute Wall

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“ There are so many memories I could try to put into words, but the one I will always treasure most is the day you and Mom picked me up from the airport—the day you brought me home and made me part of our family. From that moment on, you were my biggest supporter, standing by me through some of the hardest times in my life.

We didn't always see eye to eye, but that never changed how much you meant to me. You were an incredible father—strong, loving, and constant. I still can't believe you're gone.

Thank you for everything. I carry your love with me every single day.



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**Reyna Smith** - August 26, 2025 at 09:09 PM

JF

“ Joan remembers sailing on the Delaware in Ray's beautiful sailboat christened "Wet Dream." I enjoyed my sightseeing visits to downtown Philadelphia, including Ray's video store. Ray's coffee, the world's strongest, is unforgettable...

Joan Ferris

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**Joan Ferris** - August 25, 2025 at 04:09 PM

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“ When visiting in Florida going to Dunkin Donuts Ray we never have to order. His regular order would be processed as he walked through the door. Every Christmas there would be some reception at Ray and Judy's apartment

Arlene and Alan Blocher

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**Alan Blocher** - August 23, 2025 at 09:43 AM

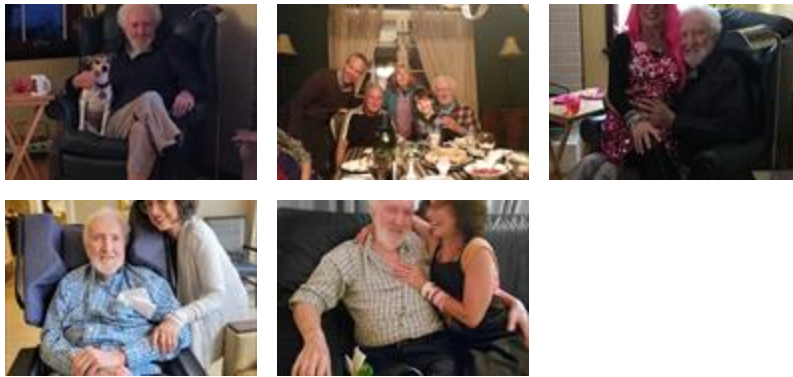
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“ Ray was one of the coolest people I knew...he was the first adult not to treat me like a child...worked for him at the video store and loved the Philly loft. Judy, you were such a good wife for him...he lived a great life and he will be missed. Love and miss you already, Ray.

Susan Tracey - August 19, 2025 at 07:56 AM

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“ EVERYBODY MISSES RAYMOND 💔



Debbie McGowan - August 18, 2025 at 10:27 PM

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“ EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND ❤️  
EVERYBODY WILL MISS YOU 💔  
**XOX,**  
The McGowan Family



Debbie McGowan - August 18, 2025 at 10:16 PM

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Todd - August 18, 2025 at 08:49 PM

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Self portrait

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