



Thomas Lee Smith

June 9, 1954 - April 1, 2020

Thomas Lee Smith, 65, an incredible father, husband, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 due to a stroke.

Tom was born in Gastonia, NC on June 9, 1954 to the late James Harding Smith and the late Jennie Warren Smith. He spent the majority of his childhood and adult life in Greensboro, NC. He graduated from Page High School in 1972 where he met his high school sweetheart, Melinda, at the age of 15. Tom and Melinda were married in 1976. They were blessed with two beautiful daughters, Lauren and Adelaide, who were the ultimate joys of his life. He embraced being a “girl dad” to the fullest, often going on shopping trips, talking about clothes, and watching chick flicks. Most recently, Tom welcomed two new granddaughters who were the lights of his life.

Upon graduation from Page High School, Tom started working at the United States Postal Service where he dedicated nearly 39 years of service. Tom was a Postmaster until 2012 when he entered “retired life.” He traded his suit and tie for a new uniform, flip-flops or cowboy boots.

Tom had a gentle, patient heart and loved being with his family and friends. He was very warm and friendly with others, never one to judge. He appreciated the true joy of a happy hour and could often be found at the Elks Lodge, where he was a lifetime member. Tom had a heart for giving back to others and he served on the Elks Lodge’s various outreach committees benefitting Veterans and Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro. He also enjoyed playing pool, golf, and sitting by the ocean.

Tom was dearly loved and will be remembered by all that had the privilege of knowing him. He is survived by his wife, Melinda Smith; daughter, Lauren Jones and her husband, Thomas, of Charlotte, NC; daughter, Adelaide Aiken and her husband Tyler, of Statesville, NC; two granddaughters, Reagan Jones and Finley Aiken; brother, Mike Smith and his wife Donna; nephew Jason Smith and family, and niece, Kristen West and family.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either of the following: Greensboro Elks Lodge # 602, Veteran’s Fund, 2201 W. Cornwallis Drive, Greensboro, NC, 27408; Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC, 27405, or Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, New Building Fund, 2600 Pisgah Church Road., Greensboro, NC, 27455.

Online condolences may be made at www.forbisanddick.com

Comments



“ Tom always greeted me with a smile and a handshake whenever I saw him at the Elks Lodge. I'm going to miss him and those shiny cowboy boots. RIP, Tom. May light perpetual shine upon you.

Rich Cisney - April 08 at 06:17 AM



“ Tom and i spent many good days at Page High. Those days seem not really that long ago. May God give comfort and peace to Melinda and the family. You all are in my prayers.



Paul Simpson - April 07 at 02:02 PM



“ Tom was the absolute nicest man!! Always happy, always nice things to say. He was always the first to volunteer especially for the Elks Golf Tournament for HOSPICE and Palliative Care if Greensboro. He will be so very missed! Prayers of comfort for Melinda, his daughters and the rest of the family. He loved his family. So sorry for your loss
Kim Fuquay-Black

Kimberley Fuquay-Black - April 06 at 08:38 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I worked with him at the plant. I can still see him walking head bent over, radio in hand. I was in maintenance, so most of my interaction with him was when there was trouble. He'd ask what's wrong and how long? Then he was gone to keep the mail moving. Always a pleasure to work with. My condolences to the family he will be missed.

Keith Murphy - April 06 at 08:54 AM

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“ Many fond memories of working with Tommy in Greensboro. So sorry for your loss - keeping you, family, and friends in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.

Sherrie Myers - April 05 at 05:19 PM



“ Melinda and Family..... We were saddened to learn of Tom's passing. We are thinking of all of you at this time.

Bill & Becky Buchanan

Becky Buchanan - April 05 at 02:55 PM



“ Mellinda and family--thanks for sharing Tommy with the Postal Service. We met in 1983 me from Raleigh --we were always in competition. We worked together for 39 years. Its a DEEP HOLE IN MY HEART!! GOD BLESS AND REST IN HEAVEN MY BUDDY!!

Teresa Wilson-McMillian Retired Plant Manager!

Teresa Wilson McMillian - April 05 at 12:33 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Tom"s passing. We had some good times at Page High! Melinda my sympathies and prayers are with you. May all your memories comfort you, and his love for you always be in your heart.

Gayle Rives Steele

Gayle Rives Steele - April 05 at 12:27 PM



“ I have nothing but fond memories of Tommy. He was my trainer when I got the job at the Post Office and was always encouraging me and lifting my confidence that I could pass. I remember Tommy always smiling and making a point of speaking to me whenever I saw him at work. My condolences and prayers to Tommy's family.

Marsha Rogers

marsha rogers - April 05 at 09:14 AM

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“ I am sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I remember him as a stand up guy in the Postal Service. If you had a problem or issue and you went to him about it and he said he would handle it, he did. He treated everyone fairly.

Darlena Watkins - April 05 at 09:13 AM



“ Deborah Harris lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Smith



Deborah Harris - April 05 at 07:11 AM



“ Tommy Smith (TL) in February 1982 You helped me start my 35 year Postal Career. You were my first supervisor. You took your 8 new PTF 's under your wing and mentored us You encouraged us to study & train hard on the LSM's. Within 2 years I had earned a weekend Layoff. (Back then that was good for a Newby). I Thank You Sir. My Prayers & Condolences to the Family. You will be remembered. Rest in His Arms.

Terry Daniel - April 05 at 04:11 AM



“ Terry Daniel lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Smith



Terry Daniel - April 05 at 03:52 AM



“ RIP old friend! My condolences to the family!





Rudar Ricks - April 05 at 01:28 AM



“ I worked with Tommy at the USPS in Greensboro. He treated everyone equally and all with respect. You lost him too soon and I am sorry for that. May the good memories bring some solace and may God's love give you comfort and peace.

Nola Morrison - April 04 at 11:47 PM



“ I met Tommy in 1997. From the first time I met him he was a true friend. Tommy was sincere and helped everyone. He was fun and enjoyable to be around. His light will shine brighter in heaven. My deepest sympathy to his earthly family. Peace be with all of you

Rene Stutts - April 04 at 09:43 PM



“ Prayers for the Smith family.
Tom was always a fair and easy going guy.
I enjoyed working with him.
Jeff Essick-NRLCA

Jeff Essick - April 04 at 08:45 PM



“ Tommy was a champion in the postal service. I had the pleasure of working for him as a clerk at the plant and we were Postmasters together. He brought so much joy to others with that smile and will be missed by many. God gained a angel and he will be forever smiling down on us all.

Dinah Marshall

Dinah Marshall - April 04 at 02:29 PM



“ I enjoyed knowing and working with Tommy. He was always willing to help out with any problem, situation one might have and always a team person. His bright smile was always a welcome sight anytime you would see him. Praying for you peace and comfort in the

coming days. Linda Trogdon

Linda Trogdon - April 04 at 02:43 PM



“ Thomas was very cool man, he always stop by and talk with me for any reason about job. He was good flexible and share . I miss him so much. i am sorry to see of Thomas' passing. Many blessings of your family.
Richard Thornberry



RICHARD DOUGLAS THORNBERRY - April 04 at 11:31 AM



“ Really feel a big hole in my postal family. Worked with TL starting in 1983, great times and awesome memories. Greatest team of employees, supervisors, and managers ever.
He made Greensboro a very special place to work, and he was the best.

KV Lawrence

KV Lawrence - April 04 at 10:43 AM



“ Melinda, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I remember in high school when you two became a couple thinking, wow... what a great match. I can still see Tom's big smile and hear his laughter when we were goofing off and hanging out. I will always remember him and cherish those times. God bless you.

Danny Key - April 04 at 10:16 AM



“ I saw Tom several times a week at the Elks Lodge. He was always cheerful and positive. Always asked me how my day was going. One of the friendliest people I've ever had the privilege of knowing. He will be greatly missed by many.

Alex Lake - April 09 at 12:18 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I worked many years with Tommy at the USPS in Greensboro and he was the most pleasant manager to have graced that Plant. He was kind, fair to all, a complete gentleman and really listened. May God

grant your family peace and strength during your time of sorrow. Many blessings for your family.



Jean Malloy - April 04 at 09:38 AM



“ I knew Tommy from the PO and Elks. When we had to work with our counterparts at the plant, I was so in awe of Tommy greeting all the many employees by name individually and personally conversing with them. You knew he was a man that cared about others. He will truly be missed and God gained a good one. Prayers of strength to the family.

Glenn Angermeier - April 04 at 04:57 PM



“ Sorry for your loss! Tommy was my Supervisor and was one of the best. (1981) His smile was very welcoming to the employees. He always encouraged us. He will be missed! Our prayers stewing the family.

Deloris M. Bennett - April 05 at 08:35 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I worked with Tommy for many years at the USPS in Greensboro and he was A very nice manager to work with. May God grant your family peace and strength during your time of sorrow.

Evette Darden - April 08 at 01:10 PM



“ Tommy was a great guy to work with over the many years at the post office. He was always so pleasant to be around and will miss him. God bless his family and know that God gained a good angel. Beth Robinson



Beth Robinson - April 04 at 07:49 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Tommy was a shining star in so many lives. We worked at the Post Office with him and he always made us feel important. He will be missed by so many. God Bless you and your family.



Dawn Devane - April 04 at 05:57 AM



“ TOM WAS SUCH A GOOD GUY. HE WAS A FRIEND TO EVERYONE AND AN ALL ROUND GREAT MAN. HE WILL REALLY BE MISSED! LOVE TO MELINDA & THE GIRLS.



WANDA NEESE - April 03 at 11:46 PM



“ Annette Wood lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Smith



Annette Wood - April 03 at 10:33 PM



“ Such a fitting tribute to Tom! Sending up prayers and condolences for Melinda, Lauren, Adelaide, and other family and friends of Tom. May he Rest in Peace! Love, Lauree' and Jeff

Lauree' Jolly - April 03 at 07:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Melinda. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers

BJ Hammer Moser - April 03 at 10:37 PM



“ Beverly Seawell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Smith



beverly seawell - April 03 at 07:17 PM



“ so many special memories of Tom way way back....My heart and love is with all of you....

beverly seawell - April 03 at 07:19 PM



“ Tommy was such a caring and sweet man, I worked with him at the PO. he was one of the best supervisors the PO had. You always knew that when you saw Tommy you were going to be greeted with warmth and a friendly smile. Prayers for his family.

Angie Lyman - April 04 at 07:15 PM



“ RIP my old bessemer friend. Condolences to the family.

Dino Eubanks - April 05 at 07:58 AM



“ (correction for D. M. Bennett posting) Our prayers are with the family.

Deloris M. Bennett - April 05 at 08:39 AM



“ Melinda, thinking about you during this difficult time.

Rose Marshall - April 05 at 12:52 PM



“ My thoughts are with you Melinda and your entire family.

Tom was a great guy and we both had a love of cars. We went to Page together and Tom was the first person I knew that had a TR6 . White and either a 1972 or 1973. Kathleen and I always enjoyed catching up with you guys at Lox Stock and Bagel. Gone to soon.

Roger Webster - April 08 at 03:43 PM