



Dana Norman Smith

September 13, 1959 - November 22, 2018

Rotterdam-Dana Norman Smith passed away at the Our Lady of Mercy Life Center, Guilderland, on November 22, 2018, under Hospice Care, surrounded by his loving family after a three and a half year courageous battle with illness.

He was born in Albany on September 13, 1959 and was raised in Castleton, New York. He graduated from Maple Hill High School, class of 1978. He worked in the construction materials industry, spending much of his career at Albany Ladder Co., Inc. and more recently as Operations Manager at Allied Building Products.

Dana is warmly remembered for his positive attitude, uplifting encouragement and warm smile, willing to do anything for anyone. He dedicated himself to family and community, raising four children as his own, pivotal in all aspects of their lives, spreading his love in many directions, including the Castleton Youth Commission, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, the Boy Scouts of America, Stride Adaptive Sports and as a board member of the Stable Gate community where he lived. He loved the outdoors, camping, boating and golfing.

Dana is survived by wife, Marie Smith of Rotterdam; three children, daughters,

Patricia Kavanaugh Lyons of Austin, Texas and Melissa Kavanaugh of Latham, and son, Michael (Susan) Kavanaugh of Guilderland; sisters, Barbara (Frank) Felts of Schenectady, Donna (Enrique) Alvarez of Little River, South Carolina, Sandra Smith of Colonie, and Cindy (Ron) Lammerts of Gloversville; four grandchildren, Timmy, Lily, Augie and Jacob; three nieces and four nephews. He was predeceased by parents, Miriam (Clapp) and Norman Smith, sister Linda (Lloyd) Church and son, R. Thomas Kavanaugh.

Family and friends who wish to call may do so on Tuesday, November 27, from 4 to 7 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, inc., 208 North Allen Street, Albany. The parish family of Christ the King Church will gather at 4:30 pm Tuesday in the funeral home for a service of prayer and remembrance. All are welcome.

A mass of Christian burial will take place on Wednesday November 28 at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Albany at 11am.

Burial will follow at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Albany.

Donations in memorial may be made to The Community Hospice Foundation, 310 South Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208 or the Our Lady Mercy Life Center, Attn: Activities Department, 2 Mercy Care Ln., Guilderland, NY 12084.

To leave a message for his family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana Norman Smith*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 26, 2018 at 04:23 PM

JE

God's Blessings to all of Dana's family! RIP my friend You played a pivotal role in the lifes of all who attended Maple Hill xoxo Jennifer Zeigler Gillette

Jennifer - November 27, 2018 at 12:52 PM

TR

Everyone loved Dana. How could you not? Even us family members who did not live nearby were treated with nothing but a huge smile and a welcome every time we did get to see him. He was always interested in what you had to say. My condolences to all. Dana will be dearly missed.

Tom and Maria

Tom & Maria Rappazzo - December 03, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *Dana Norman Smith*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MD

“ Marie, I only met Dana once---maybe at a VI reunion? So very sorry for this terrible loss and time for you. Didn't see it in time to go to services, but would love to see you and get together with you to share old memories of our VI days. Call me? 518-458-1486. Much love and prayers for you and your family...

Maureen Duda - November 28, 2018 at 12:39 PM

JR

“ My sympathies to Dana's entire family. Some of my favorite childhood memories are from hanging around with Dana, whether at Scout events, playing basketball, or just hanging around the village. There was always a smile on his face and warmth in his heart. Those are memories I will always cherish. I wish you peace during this difficult time.

Jim Ray, South Windsor, Connecticut

Jim Ray - November 27, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ Donna, so sorry to read about your brother's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Marian Gogola

Marian Gogola - November 26, 2018 at 05:55 PM

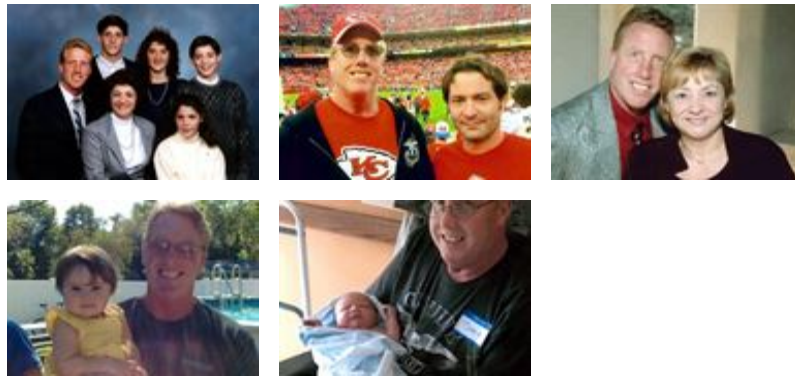
RH

“ Marie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words. I have wonderful memories of our get togethers and New Year celebrations together. Many laughs and fun times. I pray all your good memories rise above his last days of suffering and that these memories carry you through. God bless.
Rita Helie

Rita Helie - November 26, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 26, 2018 at 03:20 PM

SM

This is the Dana I remember with the Boy Scouts, what times we had. RIP Dana. Stu McKnight.

S Mcknight - November 28, 2018 at 11:40 AM

PM

“ Marie and family. So sorry to hear of Dana's passing, but now he is with his buddies Mike Britt and Bob Dudley and no longer suffering. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all especially during these trying dad times ahead. I'll always remember his wonderful smile and laugh. Patti Miller

patricia miller - November 25, 2018 at 07:36 PM

JT

“ *Dana, and Marie and Jeff, and myself have shared many great times together. We will always remember and cherish those memories. Our heartfelt condolences to his family.*

Love from Jeff, and Judi Thomas.

judi thomas - November 25, 2018 at 01:43 PM