



## Duane D. Smith

October 9, 1974 - February 5, 2020

On Wednesday February 5, 2020, Duane D. Smith loving son of Joyce P. Smith and the (late) Curtis E. Smith went home to be with the Lord.

Duane was born on October 9, 1974 in Albany, New York. Duane graduated from Albany High School in 1993. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a minor in photography from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn New York. Duane went on to attend graduate school at the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in New York City where he received his Master's degree in Illustration and graduated Cum Laude.

Duane always had a passion and gift for art and photography. He worked hard to put himself through school with determination and drive. He illustrated children's books and worked passionately with children on various projects. He also did beautiful neighborhood murals.

Duane is survived by his mother Joyce, his brother DaMond Taylor and sister Javonda Taylor, his nephews, Benjamin and Jordan Taylor and a host of relatives and friends.

Duane was a member of both Trinity United Methodist Church and Living Word Tabernacle.

The family would like to thank Dr. Courtney Bellomo of NYOH for her care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Duane's memory to the NYOH Community Cancer Foundation, 449 Route 146, Suite 101, Clifton Park, NY 12065.

Visitation with Duane's family will be from 11am – 12pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020 in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen St., Albany, with his Funeral Service to following at 12:00 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **13**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 5 years on, I thought of Duane today. I only worked with him for a month at LLBean but I will never forget him. Such a kind warm person. After meeting his family briefly at Duane's service I could see why Duane was a great person. Peter Olander June, 2025.

Peter Olander - June 01, 2025 at 03:41 PM



“ Duane D. Smith

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Mary Ann Awad lit a candle in memory of Duane D. Smith



Mary Ann Awad - February 12, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane D. Smith.



February 11, 2020 at 09:30 PM

NB

“ I was honored to work with and get to know Duane at LLBean. He was always so kind to everyone and he truly will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

*Nick Barsigian*

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**Nicholas Barsigian** - February 10, 2020 at 10:44 PM

AD

“ Duane was very kind and respectful of his co workers at LLBean. My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. He will be missed 🙏🙏

*Amy DiBartolomeo*

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**Amy DiBartolomeo** - February 10, 2020 at 06:59 PM

TC

“ It was a honor to work with Duane at LLBean. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I had the privilege to meet his family today and I know where Duane got his kindness. He will be missed.

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**Tammy Chiara** - February 10, 2020 at 05:09 PM

AR

“ I knew Duane because we were both hired at LL Bean for the holiday season. He was soft-spoken and kind. My sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

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**Ann Reilly** - February 10, 2020 at 02:57 PM

BK

“ I worked with Duane this holiday season at LL Bean. He was a quiet, gentle man who will be missed. My sympathies to his family and friends.

betsey kuzia - February 10, 2020 at 01:30 PM

RG

“ I was very fond of Duane, who I knew from my former church. He was kind, intelligent, measured, and quite artistic. I loved the great friendship he had with the Pennock kids, the Batcher twins, and Eddie Davis.

Roger Green - February 09, 2020 at 02:54 AM

WC

Duane was my best friend since kindergarten. A talented artist with a heart made of gold. He will be missed and his life celebrated forever. We love you forever Duane.

Walter Cocco - February 09, 2020 at 08:36 AM

DP

Duane was a lifetime friend of mine for 40 years. His infectious laugh and love of life will be missed. His group of friends and I will celebrate his life every day for the rest of our lives. Love you buddy!

David Pennock - February 09, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SS

My deepest sympathy to all of Duane's family and friends. He was loving, caring, loyal, compassionate and an amazing artist. His memory lives on through all of you and his art. Rest in peace Duane.

Sophia Smith - February 09, 2020 at 12:01 PM

TF

We also mourn the loss of Duane with the rest of the smith Family. Cousin Duane may have passed on but his spirit will remain with all who knew and loved him. Pea to family and friends.

The Owens Family - February 10, 2020 at 08:20 AM

TT

*Joyce and family, hold him tight in your heart, he'll always be with you. Words can't express the pain of such a loss.*

*Tracy Thomas*

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**Tracy Thomas** - February 10, 2020 at 11:07 AM

TN

*Dear Joyce, family and friends of Duane,*

*I am deeply saddened to hear of his death. He was a mighty creative force dear friend and colleague. His art and compassion leave a mighty fingerprint on the earth.*

*Sending best wishes through this challenging time.*

*Warmly*

*Tom Nimen  
New York City*

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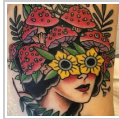
**Tom Nimen** - February 10, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CG

*Joyce and family, I am so sorry to hear of Duane's passing . May you feel the love and comfort of Gods loving arms around you. May your memories comfort you. Carole Gehrig*

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**Carole Gehrig** - February 10, 2020 at 01:39 PM



*Duane was a kind soul who will be greatly missed. My heart breaks for his lovely family and many friends in this time of loss.*

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**Jessica Kanciruk** - February 13, 2020 at 04:28 PM