



Paul L. Smith

September 20, 1963 - January 22, 2023

On Thursday, January 22, 2023, Lance Corporal Paul Lester Smith Sr. age 59 of Portsmouth, Virginia, quietly departed at Beth Shalom Village, and now is present with our Lord. Paul was born September 20, 1963, to Clifton O. and Cathy L. Smith in Indianapolis, IN.

He attended Cleveland High School in Reseda, California where he graduated in 1981. He enlisted in the United States Marines Corps August 24, 1981. Paul was united with his high school sweetheart Audrey on July 31, 1982. They have three beautiful children. Paul was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather, and served his country until his Retirement in September 17, 1985.

He furthered his education at Tidewater Community College and completed his associate degree in Radiology in 1990. After graduating, he worked at local hospitals and outpatient centers as a Radiographic Technologist/CT, retiring after 29 years of service.

Paul was a faithful servant for the LORD. He was one of the kindest, most well-tempered and pure-hearted individuals you would ever know. Although he had physical challenges, he never altered from who he was or allowed others to change the way he viewed or treated his fellow man. Paul had a way of calming people down and allowing the love of GOD to flow through him, to

bless others.

A phrase that can be used to define Paul's love and dedication to God, family, and mankind is *Sermpet Fidelis*. A Latin term that means "Always Faithful". Paul learned this motto in the United States Marine Corp and lived by this motto for the rest of his life. Paul leaves to cherish his memory, a devoted and loving wife of forty years Audrey R. Smith, three children: Letasha, Ayisha, Paul Jr. 3 Grandchildren, Terrance Malik, Kaleb Davon and Ethan James, Mother Cathy Hunt (Sam), brothers Michael Smith (Mary), Clifton Smith (Belinda), and a host of family and friends. He was predeceased by his father Clifton O. Smith; brother Keith Smith (Sandra), and grandson Donovan Arif Smith.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Wake Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul L. Smith*



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“ *I worked with Paul both at Chesapeake Regional and The Imaging Center in Norfolk. We were brothers in arms supporting one another over many years. Paul's number one priority was his family. He was proud of his kids and talked about them often. His wife Audrey was his rock and the love of his life. He spoke fondly of his grandkids and all his family back in Indiana. He lived a hard life with grace and humility. God Bless you Paul. You made me a better person.*
Gerry Murphy.

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