



## Frederick B. Smith

May 18, 1936 - January 29, 2014

COLUMBIA, NH—Mr. Frederick “Fred” B. Smith, 77, of Columbia, joined his beloved wife, Margaret, in heaven on Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, 2014, after a long and hard-fought battle with cancer. All those who knew Fred can be sure he didn’t go without a brave fight.

He was born in Colebrook on May 18, 1936, a son to the late George and Lillian (Higgins) Smith. Fred was a totally selfless man who spent his entire life helping anyone in need, and he loved his family and was very proud of them all.

After leaving the family farm, he spent most of his life as a contractor, building numerous homes in the area. He was an institution on Colebrook’s Main Street, where he would meet his many friends to discuss events and solve the world’s problems. He especially enjoyed his daily “tea and crumpets” with his friend, Conrad, at Howard’s Restaurant where they shared many stories.

He is survived by his two sons, Fred Smith of Columbia, and Brien Smith and wife Elaina of Chester, Vt.; one sister, Regina Sweatt of Brandon, Vt.; five brothers, William Smith and wife Alice of Gilmanton, NH, Donald Smith of Lakeport, NH, Howard “the General” Smith and wife Joyce of Gilford, NH, Roland “Banny” Smith and wife Barbara of Colebrook, NH, Gordon Smith and wife Elmyra of Columbia; a grandson Matthew Smith and wife Stacey of Errol, NH; and a granddaughter, Kari Smith; five great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Lenore Coffin of Berlin, NH; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom had a special place in his heart.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Margaret (Rice) Smith in 2013; three brothers, Kenneth, Glen and Lawrence Smith; and two sisters, Avetta Thibeault and Helen as an infant.

The family wishes to especially thank his brothers Roland and his wife Barbara, and Howard and his wife, Joyce, and sister Regina for the special support given during Fred’s final days. They would also like to thank Kelly and David, and Lois and Eric for their help

and support. And thank you to the staff members at the UCVH in Colebrook for the excellent care given to Fred during his illness.

At Fred's specific request, services will be private. Expressions of sympathy in Fred's memory may be made to the NHSPCA, P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885; or online at [www.nhspca.org](http://www.nhspca.org).

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Comments

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“ My name is Kat, short for Kathy, my father is Glen Smith. Although I've only met a handful of my Smith relatives, my mother, Shirla, has shared her memories with me along the way. Today she told me of her first meeting with Fred, he had helped her and been kind to her when she was a young girl in need of a little help and kindness. Although she is no longer that young girl, the memory still brings a smile and an appreciation of the young man that had helped her so many years ago. Please know that my thoughts and those of my mother are with everyone and that my hope is that Fred is having a joyful reunion with those he had lost along the way.

Kat Daugherty  
407-580-5828

**Kat Daugherty (daughter Fred's brother)** - February 01, 2014 at 02:38 PM

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“ Brien, Freddie, I want to say your dad was a great man he loved you boys and I loved him very much. He will be missed Elaina

**Elaina Smith** - January 31, 2014 at 02:00 PM

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“ Fred, I am so sorry to hear this news. He was a one of a kind Uncle!! He will truly be missed. Rest In Peace "Bubba", I will miss you.

**Paula** - January 31, 2014 at 01:27 PM

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“ My sympathies to all. He was one of a kind!!!  
Bob

**Robert Noyes** - January 31, 2014 at 10:44 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of making his "tea and crumpets". He was the reason I fell in love with working at Howards. He was my cup of tea! Love ya Fred, you are greatly missed!

**Kasi Tillotson (Kenney)** - January 31, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ Dear Fred. My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Father. I could always look forward to seeing him sit on Main Street when I would go thru with the mail truck every morning some years ago. Always had a big smile!!

Sincerely,  
Ray and Berangy Lavigne

**Ray Lavigne** - January 31, 2014 at 07:04 AM

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“ Our condolences to the Smith family on your loss. I can remember when all Smith relatives would show up next door during the summer.

**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - January 30, 2014 at 11:59 PM

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“ Very sorry Brian, Elaina, Fred, Aunt Barb and Uncle Banny. As a kid I loved listening to Fred talk "the way it is or should be" at aunt Barb's. RIP Fred

**Carey Clark** - January 30, 2014 at 07:13 PM