



Bryan M. Smith

August 12, 1953 - March 30, 2023

Bryan Michael Smith, 69, passed away in the early morning of Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Kingston of Perrysburg where he was recovering from surgery. He was born August 12, 1953 in Cleveland. Bryan grew up and attended public schools in Parma, Ohio. He then went on to Williams College, where he graduated with honors in 1975. While at Williams he excelled in several sports, and his teammates selected him as a co-captain of both the football and baseball team his senior year.

Bryan obtained a masters' degree in engineering and spent the bulk of his working career in the St. Paul, Minnesota area, in a series of key management positions involving manufacturing operations and materials management. During his last years in St. Paul Bryan transitioned to consulting with senior management in a wide variety of companies, focusing principally on manufacturing operations. In 2007 he moved back to Ohio to be with Ann Sanford, whom he met in the All-Ohio Youth Choir at the Ohio State Fair in 1971. He had a marvelous tenor voice and could have sung professionally had he chosen that route.

Bryan's wit and humor was much appreciated by his friends, and his intelligence and recall amazed those who knew him. He volunteered as Treasurer of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra and wrote grants to support the organization.

Bryan is survived by his son, Michael, brothers, Terry (Shelley) and Chris (April) and sister, Stephanie. His parents, Lawrence Barrett Smith III and Mary

Prinios Smith, predeceased him as did a brother, Lawry.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Wednesday, April 5th from 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Interment will be private. Contributions in Bryan's memory can be sent to the Toledo Jazz Orchestra at P.O. Box 353123, Toledo, 43635 or to the American Diabetes Association. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

JB

“ A remarkably smart and talented guy who was also a gifted athlete. His humor was always there and he was kind to everyone. The few times we talked in later years he had real concerns for the country and the people he taught at community college. The world needs more people like Smitty! God bless!

Jim Baker - April 06, 2023 at 11:49 AM

BR

“ What sad news. Bryan, Zac and I were roomies for three crazy & fun years in Carter House at Williams College. While I haven't kept up with Bryan or really anyone else from those days - my fault - I so remember Bryan's infectious humor, athletic skills, devotion to his family, and loyalty to his friends. Truly a unique and strong personality who will be sorely missed by all. May he rest in peace.

Bob Reder - April 04, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PK

“ A great guy from the Williams class of 1975 gone too soon.

Smitty was an entertaining and original character and I send my condolences to his family.

peter keller - April 04, 2023 at 11:06 AM

TV

“ Such fun memories flooded to mind from back in college. The baseball trips to North Carolina and the hijinks along the way, the hours in the “sweat box” with Smitty at the old Lasalle Gym. Smitty was one of a kind and I’m glad I spent those times together. My best to family and his brother Terry who I was privileged to know and share that same NC ride with freshman year. My sympathy to all his family.

Tom Villanova

Tom Villanova - April 03, 2023 at 04:37 PM

PH

“ Will cherish always great memories of Bryan--smart, to the point, inspiring athlete and leader. To watch him display his keen wit on the spot was a privilege to behold! Sending all caring thoughts to his loved ones. Peter Hillman

Peter N. Hillman - April 03, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bryan M. Smith.



April 03, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Bryan M. Smith.*



April 03, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *John and I were saddened to hear of Bryan's passing. We have many good memories of being with him and Ann. May he rest in peace.*
Love, Debbie and John Joslin

Deborah A Joslin - April 01, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bryan M. Smith.*



April 01, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *We were truly saddened to hear of Bryan's passing. He was a special kind of guy. May he now rest in peace!*
Joe and Judith Conda

Judith Conda - April 01, 2023 at 09:22 AM

JB

“ We so enjoyed our visits with Bryan. Smart, funny and handsome — wonderful gift of irony. His physical decline was hard to watch. Ann took wonderful care of him and will miss him greatly. We will, too. Jill Berman and Mike Elmaleh from Miami.

Jill Berman - March 31, 2023 at 05:06 PM

DL

“ Bryan was a true gentleman and a fun guy to be around. His quiet, but dutiful, service to the Toledo Jazz Orchestra was invaluable. He will be missed by many.

don leary - March 31, 2023 at 03:55 PM

RG

So sorry to hear of Bryan's passing. He was a wonderful person, and one of the wittiest guys I have ever been around. I was privileged to have played football with him at Williams and he was one of the main reasons it was so much fun. My condolences to his family and many dear friends.

Rodney Geier, '75

Rodney Geier - April 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM

DR

Sad, sad news. Bryan would light up any room--or locker room--with his wit and intelligence. As a football player, he brought tenacity and dedication and relentless effort to every play of every game. He made you proud--and humbled--to call yourself his teammate. Heartfelt wishes to his family and friends.

Dave Reimann '75

Dave Reimann - April 10, 2023 at 09:08 PM

JD

I had not seen Smitty since high school and was trying to locate him when I saw this obituary. My condolences to his family. He was a major force at State Road Park, Shiloh Jr.High,and Parma High. A scholar and an athlete as well as a someone who could cut up with the best of them. I offer the condolences of my brother Richard also especially to Terry, as well as the condolences of Dale Pavlick from the old neighborhood. My sympathies. Jim DeLanis

jim delanis - January 19, 2024 at 03:32 PM