



## Dennis Joseph Smith

April 15, 1946 - October 30, 2023

Smith, Dennis Joseph; Halifax. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dennis J. Smith in the Halifax Infirmary on October 30, 2023 at the age of 77.

Dennis was the son of the late William J and Dorothy Smith (Purchase) of East Chezzetcook and Halifax. He was predeceased by his wife Anne (Gallant) and his brother Billy (Dawne). He is survived by his two sons Stephen and Peter (Stephanie), his grandchildren Olivia and Caleb, his sister Pat (Bill Bailly), brothers, Barry (Terry) and Keith (Maureen) as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dennis was a loyal, generous man and set an example as a kind and loving husband and father. A good friend to all. He was a quiet, confident man who enjoyed simplicity and found happiness in nature and little things like digging clams, shucking oysters, fishing, playing his guitar, cooking seafood and spending time at his beloved camp in East Chezzetcook.

He travelled extensively and found pleasure being with friends in Florida, boating and fishing and driving wherever his interest was piqued.

Dennis spent the majority of his working career with the Government of NS starting as a compliance officer of films and movies. After 29 years of service,

he retired as Manager of Central Division of the NS Gaming Commission. In retirement he joined the Corps of Commissionaires of NS and worked on the Halifax waterfront where he happily greeted and welcomed cruise ship visitors as well as other visitors to the waterfront.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the medical staff of 4.2 of the Halifax Infirmary for their professional care and kindness to Dennis and our family.

Cremation has taken place and a private burial will take place at a later date. Donations in his memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a medical association of choice.

# Tribute Wall

ET

“ I worked for Dennis when he was Manager here at Alcohol and Gaming and he truly was a wonderful boss and person - his name always comes up when we gather and and reminisce about past events here and how he was a great leader and a great friend. My sincere condolences to Peter and Stephen and their families. Here is a photo of Dennis with Director Renzi and his Investigation and Enforcement Team in Sydney. Everyone loved Dennis.



Ethel Tomiczek-Briggs - November 16, 2023 at 12:14 PM

SM

“ My sincere condolences to Dennis’ family. My late husband, Harry, and I have known the East Chezzetcook Smith family for many years. Dennis and Harry will meet again in Heaven. Rest in peace Dennis.

Sheila Melvin - November 11, 2023 at 05:12 PM

NM

“ I had the pleasure of working for Dennis and being a friend of his during his last 7 plus years of his career in government. He has left a legacy here in Sydney and we speak of him all the time, I also had the pleasure of being the emcee at his retirement dinner and celebration and believe me there were no shortage of stories to entertain all those in attendance. R.I.P. my friend and my condolences to the entire family.

Neil MacNeil - November 11, 2023 at 10:57 AM

Marilyn  
Collette

“ Denis was such an extraordinary person, and I feel very fortunate to have known him throughout my senior high school days. His warmth, kindness, and sense of humour left a mark on everyone he encountered, making it all the more sad to fathom his absence.

*During the time I knew him, I witnessed the love and bond Denis shared with members of his family. I can only imagine the immense void his departure has left in your lives. Please know that my thoughts of his loss during this very sad period of grief are shared with you.*

*Marilyn (Wash) Collette, Ottawa*

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**Marilyn Collette** - November 10, 2023 at 04:22 PM

SB

“ My sincere condolences to the Smith Family. Always enjoyed sharing conversation and laughter with Dennis. He always took the time to say Hello.

*Sincerely, Sylvia Budlanski*

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**Sylvia Budlanski** - November 10, 2023 at 10:13 AM

CH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Dennis at the provincial government and he was indeed a gentleman and joy to be around. My condolences to his family and Dennis will be missed by many.

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**Clyde Horner** - November 10, 2023 at 09:21 AM

NM

“ i worked with Dennis with government and only last year saw him working at the waterfront. we had a good chat at that time. It was so good to see him. He was a lovely, gentle soul. please accept my sincere condolences.

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**nancy mahoney** - November 09, 2023 at 07:05 PM

VT

“ So very sorry to hear of Dennis’s passing. Worked with him for many years in Government. My sincere condolences. Veronica Teed

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**Veronica Teed** - November 09, 2023 at 05:55 PM

JL

“ My sincere condolences to Dennis,s family . I knew Denny when he and his late wife would come to Charlottetown. I always like Denny and he was a real gentleman. Rest in Peace dear Denny 🙏🙏

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**judy langille** - November 09, 2023 at 03:43 PM

BM

“ Dennis was a loyal friend and neighbor to our family. He and Alan played in a band and shared many good times. He always had lots of funny stories and kept us laughing. He will be missed. Bernice for the Misener family.

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**Bernice Misener** - November 09, 2023 at 03:13 PM

AW

“ Back in the 60's when I was a teenager, in a band, I could not believe that Dennis let me borrow his treasured fender amplifier. But that was just the kindness of Dennis showing through. We bumped into each other over the years and that smile never changed.

*Andrew Wash*

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**andrew wash** - November 09, 2023 at 02:52 PM

NS

*Sad to read of Dennis's passing. We were volunteers together with the 2nd Sackville Boy Scouts.. our son Peter and Stephen were good friends and they named their Peter after our Peter!!! Our condolences and hugs to the family. Ann was a good friend too.*

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**Nancy Stoddart** - November 09, 2023 at 04:48 PM

AE

“ My condolences to Dennis's family. We were in the same class at Saint Peter's High School in Dartmouth. After that we lost contact but I was happy to resume our friendship at the Port of Halifax where we both were Commissionaires at the Cruise Ship Terminal. Dennis talked a little about his place in Florida, his two sons and his camp in the country. He missed his wife too. I'm sorry that he's left us.

*Tony Edwards*

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**Anthony (Tony) Edwards** - November 09, 2023 at 02:05 PM

RH

“ I first met Dennis in the early sixties, at Graham Creighton High school near Cherry Brook. We were in the same class. I did meet him again during our working lives but did not keep in contact. It is sad to see the passing of a classmate. My condolences to his family.  
Ronald Hutchins.

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**Ronald Edward Hutchins** - November 09, 2023 at 01:23 PM

GG

“ So sorry for your loss, Dennis was a great guy, i knew him for over 50 years, may he rest in peace. Gerald Gay

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**Gerald Gay** - November 09, 2023 at 09:57 AM

PG

“ Condolences to the Smith Family. I always enjoyed chatting with Dennis down at the Port.

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**Phil Gray** - November 09, 2023 at 09:40 AM

SH

“ Sending our deepest condolences - Shirley Hines and family

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**Shirley Hines** - November 09, 2023 at 09:35 AM

BG

“ Deepest sympathy on Dennis's passing. He was a wonderful person to work with, and had a great sense of humour. Barb Jones Gordon

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**Barb Jones Gordon** - November 09, 2023 at 06:42 AM