



Wayne Richard Smith

July 20, 1953 - November 3, 2023

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Wayne Richard Smith, age 70, on November 3rd, 2023. He passed peacefully with his family by his side in the Palliative Care Unit of the Dartmouth General Hospital.

Though he eventually made Dartmouth his home, Wayne was born in Chatham, Ontario on July 20th, 1953, to Howard and Alice (Gammel) Smith. He was predeceased by both of his parents. Wayne is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Ethel Smith; sons David (Brianna), William (Lindsay), and James; grandchildren Zachary, Joshua, Aubrey, and Amelia; siblings Julie (Rob), Lloyd (Brenda), and Christopher; as well as many dearly loved family and friends.

Wayne was raised in the small community of Highgate, Ontario, leaving in May of 1972 when he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces. He was a Naval Weapons Technician, and proudly dedicated 23 years of his life to that role, taking him to ports all over the world. Wayne sailed on various ships during his career, including HMCS Saguenay, HMCS Athabaskan, HMCS Nipigon, HMCS Iroquois, HMCS Margaree, HMCS Fraser, HMCS Preserver, HMCS Protector, and HMCS Huron. Upon his retirement from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1995, Wayne went on to join the Corps of Commissionaires in May of 1996, where he served for 27 years.

Wayne's family was the light of his life and his proudest achievement. He was always so proud of his three sons and their own achievements, and his four grandchildren brought so much joy to his life. When his boys were young, Wayne became a leader for Scouts Canada so that he could spend time with his own children and help to guide others, leaving a lasting impact on many. Wayne loved history, astronomy, camping, and sudoku puzzles. He was extremely hardworking, kind, genuine, and warm. Wayne's gentle spirit and loving nature will forever be remembered by those who knew and loved him.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors, nurses, and other staff at the Palliative Care Unit at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Wayne was treated with the utmost kindness, respect, and compassion during his illness, and for that we are so grateful.

Cremation has taken place at the Harbourside Crematorium. Online condolences may be made at www.harboursidecremation.ca

The funeral service will be held on Friday, November 10th at Cole Harbour Woodside United Church (15 Bissett Road, Cole Harbour), with a visitation from 1:00pm, and celebration of life service at 1:30pm. Interment will follow immediately after at Dartmouth Memorial Gardens (767 Main Street, Dartmouth). The family will then host a reception back at the Cole Harbour Woodside United Church Hall, all are welcome.

Family flowers only, please. In lieu of flowers, donations in Wayne's memory may be made to the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation Palliative Program: info.dghfoundation@dghfoundation.ca

Ready Aye Ready
Sailor Rest Your Oars

Tribute Wall

GP

“ Wayne was on Ridgetown's Reach for the Top team in high school, and he gave the winning answer right at the end of the game against Windsor - he was the only one who knew who the first Canadian-born governor-general was. A stand-out right from the start.

Geoff Powers - December 21, 2023 at 02:54 PM

SB

“ My heartfelt condolences to Wayne's family and friends. I had the pleasure of getting to know Wayne through his work with the Commissionaires. The cadet unit I volunteer with trains out the building he was last working at. Wayne was such a pleasant person and he always went above and beyond to assist our team when we were in building.

Rest easy Wayne, fair winds and following seas.

Stephanie Beaton - November 09, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MS

“ My condolences to you David and to your family. Your Dad must have been a remarkable person and instilled the same in you. Love and hugs to all . Margaret/Grans

Margaret Saxberg - November 09, 2023 at 09:07 AM

EB

“ So sorry to see that Wayne has passed away. I worked a lot of shifts with Wayne at the Dartmouth General Hospital. Wayne was my shift supervisor in the Commissionaires. Condolences to the family and friends. Edwin Balcom

Edwin Balcom - November 09, 2023 at 03:44 AM



“ *Dad you were always there if I need to vent or rant. You supported me no matter what work I was trying to do and you were always kind to every human you encountered. You'll be missed and never forgotten. Love you dad*

David Smith - November 08, 2023 at 01:45 PM

SS

*No more a Watch to stand, Old Sailor
You are outward bound on an ebbing tide.
Eight Bells has rung, and last Watch done.
Now a new berth waits you on the other side.*

PO1 G. D. Johnston, RCN (retd).

shipmate, HMCS Saguenay - November 09, 2023 at 09:44 AM

HM

Wayne and David M. bbq-ing on New Years Day(s) in the rain; in the sleet; more than once in a blizzard. Switching the Chapel Committee (Church of the Redeemer) President and and Vice-President positions back and forth over a period of ten years; HMCS Margaree de-commissioning Dinner with the Madills and the 4 of us; tent camping that became trailer camping at then, Boutllier's Glen....these were some of the times of our lives with Wayne and Ethel Heather and David McKellar

Heather McKellar - November 09, 2023 at 01:08 PM

BW

Ethel and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Wayne was an amazing person, but you know that. We will cherish our memories and our friendship. Thank you for your service Wayne. You will always be in our hearts. Hugs

Benita And Gerry Winsor - November 09, 2023 at 11:21 PM