



Bryon Smith

January 28, 1944 - June 6, 2024

Bryon J. Smith, 80 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Born Friday, January 28, 1944 in Newark, New Jersey, Bryon was the son of the late Joseph and Hedwig Smith.

At a young age Bryon would move with his family to Irvington where he would go on to meet his lifelong friends at the lot. He excelled as an athlete, playing both Baseball and Basketball throughout his schooling. In his senior year at Irvington High School, he was captain of both teams, and became a member of the All-State Baseball team, as their first baseman. Years later Bryon was inducted into the Irvington High School Hall of Fame for his many athletic accomplishments on the court and on the diamond, a real pro.

After High School Bryon would enlist in the United States Air Force, serving his country honorably, stationed in Montana. Upon earning his honorable discharge Bryon moved home to Irvington and would begin a lifelong career in the Irvington Fire Department. Being a fireman was his passion and spending endless hours with his 'brothers' was always at the top of his list. Eventually Bryon would retire from the Irvington Fire Department with the rank of Lieutenant.

Bryon would meet the love of his life, Anna Marie Fagan, and the couple would begin a courtship. They would marry, living in Jersey City briefly, before settling in Old Bridge in 1973. Bryon and Annie would start a family of their own and raise their 4 children in Old Bridge. Bryon was a family man through and through and opened his home to anyone who needed a laugh or a bed. Bryon spent 'two good weekends' making the Smith house a home where everyone wanted to be.

In his spare time Bryon enjoyed going golfing, bowling, playing cards, and entertaining everyone. He loved his trips out to Las Vegas and going to the racetrack to bet on the horses. More than anything Bryon loved spending time with his family. Whether it was traveling, watching his grandchildren play sports or just spending time at home with everyone, he wanted to be surrounded by those that he loved. He will be missed by all those that were blessed to have him in their lives.

Bryon was predeceased by his beloved wife Annie, and by his siblings, Lenny Smith and Arlene Jones.

Bryon is survived by his loving sons, Lee and his wife Annemarie, Todd and his wife Kathleen, Brad and his wife Kristen, and his daughter Jean Marie, by his cherished grandchildren, Kaitlyn, John, Sophia, Andrew, and Jackson, and by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and great friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to N.J. State Organization of Cystic Fibrosis, PO Box 3648, Wayne, N.J. 07474 or to Tunnel to Towers Organization at <https://t2t.org/donate/>

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday at Saint Ambrose located at 83 Throckmorton Ln Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857. Interment will be in Marlboro Memorial Cemetery, Morganville, NJ.

Cemetery Details

Marlboro Memorial Cemetery

361 HWY 79
Morganville, NJ 07751

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
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<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Saint Ambrose
83 Throckmorton Ln
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Service

JUN 13 (ET)

Marlboro Memorial Cemetery
361 HWY 79
Morganville, NJ 07751

Tribute Wall

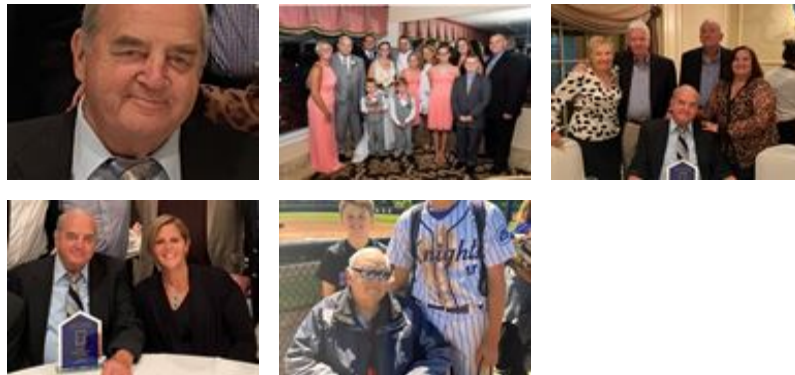


“ Rest in Peace Bryon and condolences to your family. You always enlivened our IHS reunions and your classmates miss your presence.
Phil Brower

Phil Brower - June 15, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - June 12, 2024 at 01:19 PM

TF

“ The Drug Fair Girls and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bryon Smith.



The Drug Fair Girls and families - June 12, 2024 at 07:47 AM

JD

“ Joe, Jody and Denny purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bryon Smith.



Joe, Jody and Denny - June 11, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bryon Smith.



June 11, 2024 at 12:56 PM

LF

“ Love Mom Bruns, John and family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Bryon Smith.



Love Mom Bruns, John and family - June 11, 2024 at 08:39 AM

LF

“ Love Mom Bruns, John and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryon Smith.

Love Mom Bruns, John and family - June 11, 2024 at 08:39 AM

RS

“ Byron was a great guy always had a joke and was happy. Grew up with Bryron and played sports with and against him. He will be missed by many. You were loved by many and now missed by many.

RIP

Ray Sackmann - June 10, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bryon Smith.



June 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM

LB

“ Lorraine, Melissa, Wendy & Bilete planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryon Smith.

Lorraine, Melissa, Wendy & Bilete - June 10, 2024 at 12:22 PM

KB

“ We had ,many years of fun at your house. I will never forget the picture that talked. rest in peace be happy in heaven with Ann love Kathy

Kathy Bernhard - June 09, 2024 at 08:07 PM

RB

“ Bryon! I haven't seen Bryon for several years, but I have often thought of him. He was a good friend of my husband, Paul; as well as, a good friend of mine. We have known Bryon starting as early as those grammar school years in Irvington. Since Bryon and Paul attended different high schools, they played baseball and basketball against each other. They loved the competition! He visited Paul in New Orleans, where Paul attended Loyola University. After high school graduation, Bryon and I bowled together with a CYO group. I had many drives with him in his convertible during those bowling days, and he enjoyed some Sunday dinners at my home with my family, afterwards. Another friend lost!

Your friend, Rita 🌸

Rita Brophy Boumans - June 09, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JY

“ My sincere condolences to Lee, Todd, Brad, Jeanie and the entire Smith family. Many Great memories and a whole lot of laughs spending time at cousin Bryon and Ann's house. Bryon was a true classic in every sense of the word and is still the only person I know that would bring a Horse to his house after accepting it as a repayment of debt. His family is a testament to the man he was. May he rest in peace.

Jeff Young - June 09, 2024 at 01:15 PM

AD

“ Lee, Todd, Brad, and Jean,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My prayers are with you and your families. He will watch over all of you like Mom has for years.
RIP until we meet again.
Annette Dunn



Annette Dunn - June 09, 2024 at 09:35 AM