



John Wayne Smith

March 13, 1937 - August 10, 2015

John Wayne Smith, beloved father and brother, passed away August 10, 2015. He entered this world on March 13, 1937 in Bassett, VA, born to the late John Russell and Mattie Smith. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Aloisia Smith; stepchildren, Linda Hamill and Daniel Hamill, and granddaughter, Sabrina. He is survived by his sister, Carolyn Forbes; stepdaughter, Eva Hamill; stepson, Anthony Hamill; grandchildren, Denise Hamill, Gary Santillanes and wife Heather, Feliz Haskie and husband Ross, and John Santillanes. John is also survived by his nephews, Lee Forbes and wife Renae, John Forbes, and Jason Forbes, as well as his great-grandchildren, great-niece and great-nephews.

After leaving Bassett High School, John served in the Air Force as a jet-engine mechanic until 1978. He met his wife, Lisa, in Germany. They traveled the world together, ending with a 9-year sojourn in Saudi Arabia, while John was employed with McDonnell Douglas and BDM. Retiring from travels and settling in New Mexico, John worked for the US Postal Service in Albuquerque.

A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at FRENCH – Westside, followed by interment at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 12:45 p.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

FRENCH - Westside

9300 Golf Course Rd NW

505-897-0300

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **18**. 10:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Golf Course)
9300 Golf Course Rd NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114
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Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wayne Smith*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 11, 2015 at 11:24 AM

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“ *I have always wondered what happened to John Wayne Smith...It wasn't until I saw his obituary in the Martinsville Bulletin that I realized that he had settled in New Mexico. We were friends while in Bassett High School and I remember the great times we had with his unique name back then. Every time we met new girls he would tell them his name was John Smith. After they accused him of lying he would then say "I would say John Wayne but you probable won't believe that either". He will be sadly missed by his old friends in Henry County.*

James I Marshall - August 17, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ We are truly sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this time. My mother recognized your father's picture in our local newspaper . (The Martinsville Bulletin in Martinsville, VA) We were the Wolfe family and lived next door to you all in the late 60's on Mountain Rd in Martinsville. We have spoke of your family often throughout the years and have wondered where you were. We even have a few photos, I know there is one of your mother, Lisa, and also one of Tessi with my brother Wade and I (Tammy) sitting on our front step. I so wish we could have reconnected with you all before now. If you would like to contact me, my email is bigheadmoore@comcast.net or you can find me on Facebook at Tamberlyn Wolfe Moore. On behalf of the entire Wolfe family we send our deepest sympathy. Love and prayers, Tammy

Tamberlyn Wolfe Moore - August 16, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Luke Rogers - August 14, 2015 at 03:31 PM