



## Jon William Smith

November 13, 1955 - July 27, 2020

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11-13-1955 to 07-27-2020

Spokane Valley, WA

Jon W. Smith passed away at home in Spokane Valley, WA on Monday, July 27, 2020. He was 64 years old. He fought valiantly against the brutal disease cancer, never losing his optimistic spirit. His daughters and wife were by his side.

Jon was born in San Diego, California to James William (Bill) Smith and Laura Maxine Witherell Smith while Bill was in the Marine Corp. From there, they were stationed in New York where Bill completed his duties as a Marine. Afterwards they moved to Sandpoint, ID to be near family for a few years before settling in Fairfield, WA. Jon lived most of his life in Spokane Valley, WA.

During his teenage years, Jon worked for farmers in the Fairfield, WA area. After graduation from Liberty High School (1974) in Spangle, WA, Jon attended Spokane Falls Community College for two years. Later, he worked for his Dad in the fuel business, worked in construction, assisted his father in the heating and air conditioning business, and was a maintenance engineer for a couple other companies. The last twenty-five years Jon was a physical

plant engineer at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane. Jon was self-taught in a variety of skills. With his wealth of knowledge and lifetime of experience, Jon gave generously of his time and assisted many people during his life.

Jon enjoyed life and kept busy following his dreams and passions. He loved both snow and water skiing, tennis, soccer, basketball, hockey, motorcycle riding, and Porsche cars. His Mom told him once that he could be a professional play boy due to all the activities he loved to do. Jon also had a big heart for animals. He loved, and frequently spoiled, his two Goldendoodles and two horses.

Jon will be affectionately remembered for his silly grin and good humor, as well as his love of lemon bars and all things huckleberry. His daughters will remember their dad frequently carrying them around on his shoulders; both literally, such as when he carried them while running Bloomsday, and eventually more symbolically as they grew older and he would patiently listen and offer his "dad advice".

While growing up in Fairfield, he attended both the local Presbyterian and Lutheran churches with friends. Later during college years, he attended First Presbyterian church in downtown Spokane.

Jon is survived by his wife, Karen (Wickward) Smith (married October 9, 2004) of Spokane Valley; daughters, Porscha Anderson (Barrett) of Seattle, WA and Mercedee Smith of Spokane, WA; stepson, Kirk Griffith (Sarah) of Spokane, WA; stepsons, Dustin Hardin (Sarah), Dallas Hardin, Derek Hardin, Shea deWeber (Kelcey) and many grandchildren; his brother Mark of Newport, WA, niece, nephew and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Maxine Smith of Fairfield, WA.

A Memorial Service will be held for close friends and family on May 14, 2021

at 3:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Spokane. Due to limit capacity and Covid-19 restrictions, all are invited to join via a virtual streaming. Please log onto FPC Facebook or website at 2:55 pm

Streaming will be on the First Presbyterian Church of Spokane's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/spokanefpc>

Streaming will also be on First Presbyterian Church website:

<https://spokanefpc.shelbynextchms.com>

You are invited to view Jon's online tribute at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) to share a memory or leave a message. Arrangements are provided by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee & Cashmere.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so saddened by this:( I initially registered Jon years ago, then every time I would see him come through over the years, I'd send silent wishes for him to get better. I could always see how hard he was trying:( I'll miss seeing you Jon, but you're at peace now, and in no more pain. Sincere condolences to his family.  
~LaDawn, DHEC Registrar~

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**LADAWN** - August 10, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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“ I met Jon the first week I moved back to Spokane in June of 2000 through my new job at A-L Compressed Gases. His first words to me were delivered with his signature smile - "Oh, I always have trouble with blondes." Despite this warning, we were able to work together successfully many, many times. We became friends and enjoyed brief snatches of conversation when we would see each other.

*It became somewhat of a joke when one of us would appear somewhere where the other had business. I guess it was less funny when we discovered we shared an oncologist, but true to form, Jon made light of it and always had some way to put a positive twist on whatever was going on.*

*I will miss my friend and will forever see him in my mind, striding around the corners at Deaconess, with his sunny smile. He fought hard for a long time - I take comfort in the knowledge that he no longer suffers.*

*My deepest sympathy to Jon's wife, family and everyone who knew or worked with him.*

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**Christine Borden** - July 31, 2020 at 03:12 PM