



## Richard E. Smith

September 1, 1933 - July 5, 2025

Richard (Dick) Edgar Smith, formerly of 10 Ley Place, Sussex, NJ passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at the UPMC Williamsport Hospital. He was born on September 1, 1933 in Sussex, NJ to Harold and Muriel (Ayers) Smith and spent much of his time as a child at his grandparents' farm (Ayers Farm) on ground that is now a part of High Point State Park.

Richard met the love of his life, Mildred (Shauger) Smith, when she worked as a waitress at Bob's Diner. The two were married at the Sussex Wesleyan Methodist Church on December 31, 1957.

Dick enlisted in the United States Air Force directly out of high school and served overseas during the Korean War. He had intended to re-enlist and make a career in the military, but an injury sustained at home prevented him from pursuing this further. He nonetheless served in the reserve for many years. He worked for NJ Zinc in Ogdensburg as a shop foreman for years and took an early retirement when the mine closed. He then worked in maintenance for SCMUA (Sussex County Municipal Utility Authority) until his retirement. Dick was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He enjoyed telling stories (especially about his time in the military), all things pertaining to airplanes, military history, music (especially Mantovani and Big Band music), attending church, reading, and watching television. He also enjoyed dining at the Elias Cole Restaurant and eating ice cream, especially banana splits; but he was most happy simply spending quality time with his family.

Richard went to live with his son and his family in Muncy, PA in 2016.

Richard is survived by his beloved children, Connie Smith and her husband Larry (Dingmans Ferry, PA) and Stephen R. Smith and his wife Michelle (Muncy, PA), as well as his cherished grandchildren, Kaylie, Caleb, and Collin Smith. He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of nearly 67 years, Mildred M. Smith and his daughter, Melissa Rachel Smith. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will be cherished forever.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Pleasant View Wesleyan Church in Muncy, Pa where Richard was a member and his son, Stephen, serves as the senior pastor. There will also be a graveside service at the Clove Cemetery in Wantage, NJ at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025. Family and friends are invited to attend to pay their respects to Dick. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any gifts be sent to Pleasant View Wesleyan Church, 994 East Penn Street, Muncy, PA 17756 in Richard's memory. Private cremation services have been entrusted to the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Clove Cemetery

Route 23  
Sussex, NJ 07461

# Previous Events

## Graveside Inurnment Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clove Cemetery  
Route 23  
Sussex, NJ 07461

# Tribute Wall

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“ *He is my relative he is a wonderful person*



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**Lisa Stanton** - August 08, 2025 at 10:06 AM

AJ

“ *I knew Richard because he and my uncle Richard A. Smith would always get each others mail. I usually saw Richard at bar-b-ques at the home of my uncle "Dick" on Lower Unionville Road. I pray that his family finds peace at this sad time. Pastor Alfie Jaeger (former pastor of the Wantage UMC church)*

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**alfred jaeger** - July 29, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ *We are sorry to say we never had the pleasure to meet Richard. We are good friends with his daughter Connie & her husband Larry. So sorry for his passing. Richard was blessed to have had a wonderful family to take care of him until the end & they to have a great father. Sending prayers, love & for all to cherish good memories. Thank you Lord that he is at peace now. Sincerely, Jim & Mary Brown.*



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**Jim & Mary Brown** - July 11, 2025 at 11:55 AM

CB

“ Dick and Millie were very close to my parents, Blace and Joan Brink. I still remember the address for the Smith’s, we were there a lot. I mostly observed their friendship, I was a kid and not too interested in their conversation. What strikes me now was how important their friendship was to each other, how they’ genuinely enjoyed each other’s company. It really didn’t matter what was said, it was what they did, they shared their lives together. Now I’m older and I understand how important and rare meaningful friendship is to me. Dick was a great friend to my dad, and a great friend to many people I will never know. Dick leaves a legacy of two amazing children, and many friends. Dick will be missed here but resting finally in the presence of Jesus he will be welcomed by many friends and united with his precious wife. We love you Dick and we thank you for being a friend, father, and loving husband. May God comfort Dick’s family and give them peace.

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**Craig Brink** - July 11, 2025 at 12:08 AM

SM

“ Rest in peace, weary traveler. Your trials, your journey, and your work here is done. You have raised two children who are walking strong with the Lord, and left a legacy of faith for the generations following you. Be welcomed into the rest of your Master, and rejoice in your reunion with your beloved Mildred and precious Melissa. We’ll meet again on that beautiful shore when we also make it Home.  
Until then -



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**Samuel J Mall** - July 10, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DD

“ I am sorry to hear of Richard's passing, but we know he is in heaven rejoicing with Jesus and Millie at his side. I enjoyed getting to know him when he was visiting Millie at the nursing home. He was so proud of his time in the Air Force. He brought his album to show me photos and told stories. He always took the time to ask about my son's that are currently serving in the AF. He was a true gem and will be remember with a smile.

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**Dena Dunlap** - July 10, 2025 at 06:41 PM