



Jeffrey Loyd Smith

June 30, 1942 - August 11, 2013

Jeffrey Loyd Smith (Jeff), 71, entered into eternal life on August 11, 2013. He was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Jeff was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin on June 30, 1942 to Don and Bette (Thraikill) Smith. He attended Appleton West High school and University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. He married Sharon (Pekarske) Smith in Appleton, WI on August 3, 1963.

Jeff served his country in the Army in Korea and worked for over 40 years for Lutheran Brotherhood / Thrivent Financial. He received numerous professional recognitions throughout this career and he loved his career so much that after officially retiring, he quickly returned to the industry recruiting for Northwestern Mutual. A devout man of his Lutheran faith, he also loved the Green Bay Packers, and felt conflicted when church services occurred during game time. Many people knew Jeff well, but many more encountered him in the many small ways he brought light to people's lives. He is the coworker you vent to, the friendly morning coffee orderer, the joking neighbor you pass on your walks, the stranger who will stop and ask you if you are ok.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Donald F. Smith. He is survived by his mother, Bette Lou Smith; wife, Sharon, Children; Stacey (Tim) Towne, Craig (Cheri) Smith, and Krista (Tim) Kliebenstein Weber and grandchildren

Kieyla, Alicia, Nicholas, Nicole, Megan, Evelyn, Gable and Nora. He is also survived by his three siblings; Steven (Sylvia) Smith, Diane (John) Splavec, and Jane (Dale) Eppler.

Services will be held Thursday, August 15th at 10:30am at Redeemer Lutheran Church 7755 Greenstone Trail Fort Collins, Colorado 80525. A memorial fund in Jeff's memory will be set up and donations may be made in his name to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffry Loyd Smith*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sheri, We heard of Jeff's passing and were saddened by such news. We remember with wonderful memories of our years together as General Agents for Lutheran Brotherhood. We remember the many LB conventions, meetings and other gatherings with you two. We hope you will find comfort in our Lord Jesus Christ as only he can give. LB friends, Frank and Marlys Peterson.*

Frank Peterson - August 27, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ *Dee (Shea) Larsen lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Loyd Smith*



Dee (Shea) Larsen - August 20, 2013 at 02:36 PM



“ *Donald Smith was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thrailkill - August 15, 2013 at 11:10 AM



“ *The dell Opal Thrailkill/davis was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thrailkill - August 15, 2013 at 11:07 AM



“ *John Thraikill was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thraikill - August 15, 2013 at 11:04 AM



“ *Effie Thraikill was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thraikill - August 15, 2013 at 11:02 AM



“ *Lloyd Albert Thraikill/thraikile was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thraikill - August 15, 2013 at 11:00 AM

PT

“ During junior high and high school the Smith house was my second home. I have so many fond memories there. Jeff going to buy Krista and me doughnuts at Mr. Doughnuts after a sleep over (which there were many) and our request of chocolate chocolate, chocolate vanilla, vanilla chocolate, but no vanilla vanilla flavored. Jeff giving me a hard time for being a Gopher and not a Badger. The colored plastic cups he gave me when they moved to Colorado - except for his favorite colored one which he kept, but then gave to me at my wedding stuffed with \$2.00 bills he always had. I still have the cups and the \$2.00 bills. I'm so thankful I had the chance to see him one more time at Krista's wedding in June. I will miss his goofy sense of humor and caring heart. My heart is broken that I can't be there today to celebrate his life. This song came on my music shuffle at work this morning and I thought it was fitting.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bhM31_2S5zA

Love and hugs to the whole Smith family. I am with you today spiritually even though I can't be there physically.

*Love always,
Paige*

Paige Totten-Hall - August 15, 2013 at 10:51 AM



“ *Bette Lou Thrailkill was added to the Family Tree.*

Mark Thrailkill - August 15, 2013 at 10:46 AM

CW

“ I experienced Jeff as a kind and thoughtful person. He always asked about my family every time he saw me. He always wanted the best for all those around him. My prayers are for all those who grieve his loss. Pastor Connie Winter-Eulberg

Connie Winter-Eulberg - August 15, 2013 at 09:57 AM

SE

“ Sherry, I am so sorry to hear of Jeff's death and your loss.

Jeff was always a welcoming presence to Fort Collins for me. His presence at my early live performances, his enthusiastic applause, smiles and song requests bolstered my confidence and helped me more forward on my new career path as performing musician.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the funeral service today because of work obligations, but his memory and your family will continue in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Steve Eulberg

Steve Eulberg - August 15, 2013 at 08:50 AM

CC

“ Sherry and family - Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on your loss of a wonderful man. I will always remember being an LB rep for Jeff as a very positive experience. He was always upbeat and always had a smile on his face. May you find strength in the love of family and friends.

Cindy and Gene Coy

Cindy Coy - August 15, 2013 at 08:11 AM

RS

“ Oh Jeffry how I will miss you my friend. I mean, who am I going to call when the Broncos beat the Packers again in the SuperBowl this year?? I never saw you down my friend...you inspired me, mentored me, and most of all were a gentle spirit with a warm smile and a humorous comment that always made me laugh. I always will have pleasant thoughts when I think of you. This time of year is when we meet to set the rules for the upcoming football season. Football was one passion you and I shared and I will MISS those phone calls from you and the visit we each had to make and settle up! I will look to the sky after the games are played on Sundays and smile knowing you are seeing it all from above.

Thank you for being such a great friend.....truly one of a kind. Love you brother!

Ralph Shinn

Ralph Shinn - August 14, 2013 at 08:36 PM

MA

“ We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.

*Marine Corps League Auxiliary #7
Fort Collins, CO*

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - August 14, 2013 at 08:06 PM

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Ralph Shinn

Ralph Shinn - August 14, 2013 at 08:05 PM

LS

“ Sherry---We were shocked and saddened to learn of Jeff's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We will always remember the wonderful, fun times we had with you and Jeff back in our "North Shore" days. May God provide the comfort to you and your family during this most difficult time.

God bless you all.

Larry and Nancy Schmitz

Larry Schmitz - August 14, 2013 at 08:03 PM

BK

“ Sherry, My deepest sympathy to you, Bette, Steven, Diane, Jane and all of your families. When Jeff came to La Crosse he often visited with my mother and enjoyed recalling the days when we were young. I have a quote from Pericles, a Greek statesman from 400 B C. I send it as memorial to Jeff. "WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT WHAT IS ENGRAVED IN STONE MONUMENTS, BUT IS WOVEN INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

Bob Katz - August 14, 2013 at 05:34 PM

MM

“ Sherry and family,
We were so sad to hear of Jeff's death and now I'm doubly sorry we didn't connect the last time we were in Colorado. I'll never forget Jeff stopping to play ball with us kids and checking to see what dessert mom had available when he was in the neighborhood when we were little. We all lost a truly good man and he will be missed.

Marlene & Roger Marks

Marlene Marks - August 14, 2013 at 03:31 PM

DO

“ Jeff was such an inspiration to us. We have many fond memories of Jeff and his very friendly ways.
Diane & Dick Olson

Diane Olson - August 14, 2013 at 12:57 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Jeffry Loyd Smith.*



August 14, 2013 at 11:26 AM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kathy Dow - August 14, 2013 at 11:25 AM



“ *Jim and I have very fond memories of Jeff. We shared workouts and dinners with he and Sherry. Jeff was always jovial and fun. We will miss him.*

Kathy Dow - August 14, 2013 at 11:18 AM



LR

“ *Sherry and Family,
I will always remember Jeff with such a warm and friendly smile,
kind heart and his outgoing attitude in loving people and life.
Jeff would stop by periodically to see if I "knew anyone" who would
enjoy a career of working in the insurance industry. I will miss those
"drop ins" and warm conversations and Jerry will miss "coffee" with
Jeff.*

*We are thinking of you and praying for God's everlasting love to
surround you during this difficult time. God Blessings to you all.*

Lorna and Jerry Reeves

Lorna Reeves - August 14, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ *Jeff was my cousin, my oldest cousin. There are so many memories
of him taking me swimming in Onalaska, throwing snowballs in
Oshkosh, and trying to teach me how to play football in La Crosse.
He was much older than I, and although I can remember Jeff and
Sherry's wedding, we didn't see a lot of each other as adults. Right
now I think of Sherry and the family, and especially of my dear Aunt
Bette. I hope that all the Smiths will remember their outstanding Son
and Father and Brother. I know the Thrailkills will hold his memory
dear. May God bless and heal you all. Rest in peace, Jeff. - Mark
Thrailkill, London*

Mark Thrailkill - August 13, 2013 at 04:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jeffry Loyd Smith.*



August 12, 2013 at 09:10 PM