



Gerue G Smith

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Gerue G. Smith, 102, passed away September 3, 2016. He is survived by his loving family including his son Larry.

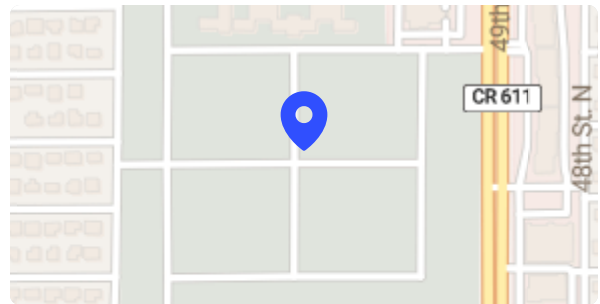


Service

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET

Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

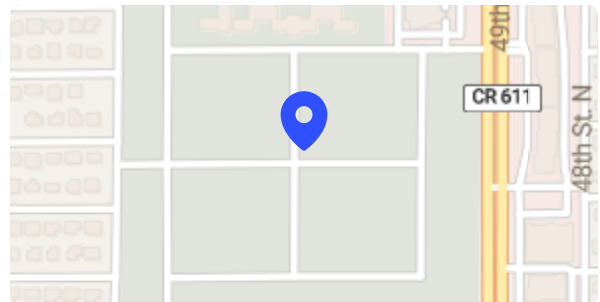


Interment

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

2:30 PM ET

Memorial Park Cemetery
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

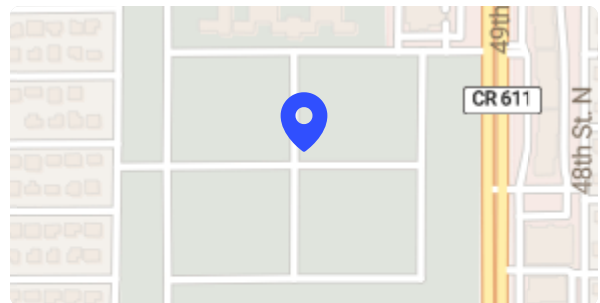


Reception

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3:00 PM ET

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Claudette lit a candle in honor of Gerue.



September 16 at 1:56 AM



Claudette September 16 at 2:00 AM

You will be missed. Such a loving person. Always gave me a hug. My condolences to the family. RIP my friend.



Ben Fuller posted:

Larry, All of us in Georgia are thinking of you today. We will truly miss our adventurous uncle Gerue. He was always full of stories and life lessons. We can only hope we each got some of his longevity. We know he's in heaven in his favorite fishin spot. Love, Ann, Jerry, Ben Fuller Mary Jo Stith & Families

September 13 at 5:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Smith family.



September 10 at 10:11 AM



Debbie Schultz posted:

Smitty was an icon of Sand Dollar Lane and all the lives he touched. Will miss his tales of mullet fishing and the "old Manasota Key". RIP

September 9 at 3:01 AM



Sharon Gray shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Larry, I am sorry for your loss. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad was the best. I always enjoyed listening to his stories about his life. He truly lived life to the fullest and was always young at heart. We will truly miss him. I know my kids always loved seeing and spending time with Mr. Smitty. They don't make them like your Dad and my Granddaddy. I guess them thinking they was twenty has helped them stay so young at heart. You know ninety to nothing always going. Sharon Clemons Gray



September 7 at 5:16 PM



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Adam Gray posted:

Mr.Smitty was one best fishermen I knew I have lots of memories with mr.Smitty.

September 7 at 4:11 PM



James Gray Jr shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I sure will miss seeing our englewood neighbor mr.smitty .I'm glad I'm lucky enough to say I knew him and I have some great memories and story's of him he will be missed .

September 6 at 4:35 PM



Marty And Tammy Snyder posted:

We met Smitty and Larry for the first time upon arrival at their home on the beach. Smitty welcomed us smiling with boxes of oranges and grapefruit he had picked for us. You know when you meet someone like Smitty he is a very genuine person and feel very comfortable talking with him. Through the years he has taught me to toss a cast net and gave me a few of his secret fish 'in spots. Told me of his hunting adventures. He shall be remembered by us always and be dearly missed. Marty and Tammy Snyder

September 6 at 3:37 AM



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September 5 at 5:26 PM



Lloyd & Linda Mccraney September 10 at 9:03 AM

We first met Smitty in 2002 when we moved to Sand Dollar Lane. As soon as we met him, we knew we'd be life long friends. Lloyd and I remember so many of Smitty's stories of how he and his wife and son enjoyed coming to Manasota Key over the years. We remember stories about the "Wild Waves" that would come in off of the Gulf. We remember the stories about mullet fishing and we can still see him throwing his cast net off of the little bridge. Lloyd remembers going down Manasota Key Rd. on their way to mullet fishing on he north end of the island. Smitty was driving his old grey van. His side view mirrors hit every bush and limb that was on the right hand side of the road. Lloyd ducked at every smack he her and smiled the whole way down the island. Smitty would come over and visit when he came down and sometimes even have a beer with us! One of the funniest stories was when he told Juanita Schultz (who terrorized the beach with trespassing signs and threats) that if she didn't stop yelling at him about walking on "her beach", she was going to end up in the water! So funny! We miss Smitty, but we smile every time we think about him. We know he's up in heaven with his wife and he's watching over his son, Larry, and all of his friends who adored him. Happy Fishing in Heaven Smitty!



Tom Freeman September 6 at 10:59 AM

Our first memory of "Smitty" is when he was climbing the palm tree at about age 85. Running on the beach later. We have always been amazed at his stamina and drive. He loved to bring oranges to the neighborhood. We have felt honored to be able to rent his little house and have enjoyed knowing him. Tom and Sandy Freeman



Kris Shiflet Hleuka September 5 at 5:39 PM

Larry, I was so sorry to hear about your dad passing -- we were just together and talking about him. It meant so much to have you and Smitty at my dad's memorial service. I will think about him every time I pass the little white house on the corner of Sand Dollar -- just as I have for about the last 50 years! He would always give me a big hug and remind me that he knew me since I was a little girl. And my favorite recent memory is about a year or two ago when you and I decided our dads should go fishing together one more time, both of them sitting in lawn chairs under an umbrella, and me trying to keep the nearby birds from getting hooked while you tried to keep the elders from getting hooked!



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Robyn Shiflet posted:

Dear Larry, Smity was the first neighbor who came over and called me "Darlin" , "I'm so happy to meet you.". Always a Big Hug, and we would have a nice visit. Told me Florida stories that I will always treasure. I'm so happy that I got to know him, he was a Beautiful person and we all will miss him. Robyn Sunada Shiflet

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerue by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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