



Eugene D. Smith, Jr.

April 10, 1949 - September 14, 2023

Eugene D. Smith, Jr., 74, a 40-year Agawam, MA resident, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Greenville, SC on April 10, 1949 to the late Eugene D. Smith, Sr. and Patricia (Turner) Smith, he and his family moved to Miami when he was 9. He graduated from Miami Central with a trade as a tool and dye apprentice. After travelling around the country, he settled in Massachusetts where he met his former wife Debra Dustin and adopted her daughter Michelle Smith; then had two beautiful children Rebecca and Eugene III. Over the course of his life, he owned several machine shops, mentored youth for the Rosie Robotic team and Agawam High students and enjoyed rock hounding and working.

Predeceased by his parents, daughter Michelle Smith, sister Monica Barnwell and a granddaughter Amanda Croisetiere, he is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Moore and husband Benjamin Moore of Agawam, his son Eugene D. Smith, III and his wife Heather Smith of Chicopee, brothers: Robert Smith (Debbie), Richard Smith (Kathie) and James Smith and partner Mark Pyles; sister Francis Franetic (John), grandchildren: Brittany Gilman, Ashley Deschenes and Avery Smith; great-grandchildren Jaylani Mercado and Aurora Deschenes and many nieces, nephews and cousins, also his former wife Debra (Dustin) Belisle and her son Richard Belisle, Jr. A graveside service will be held on September 27, 2023 at 2PM in Island Pond Cemetery, Ludlow, MA. Any donations or flowers will be greatly appreciated and may be forwarded to Rebecca Moore, 11 Randall St., Agawam, MA 01001. New England Funeral &

Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Eugene's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

Cemetery Details

Island Pond Cemetery

Center Street
Ludlow, MA 0105

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

Island Pond Cemetery
Center St
Ludlow, MA 01056
(413) 583-5607

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Happy birthday Dave 🎂 we miss you more and more every day:(it seems like just yesterday you Rebecca and I were three amigos:) we will meet again this time in a place where pain is just a vague distant memory and when peace and joy is the eternal gift we all pray for when we enter the gates of heaven to be with the loved ones we lost and to sit by the right hand of our lord for an eternity in the home of the angels



Benjamin Moore - April 11, 2025 at 10:09 PM

BM

“ Dave i thank you for treating me like one of your own and giving me Rebecca's hand in marriage . I know you are watching over us and smiling we are in Rhode Island today wish you could be here. ❤️Ben



Benjamin Moore - September 14, 2024 at 08:51 AM

DH

“ Dave was the best! Rosie first came into the world of Rosie Robotics when G & L Tool became a sponsor of the team. His contribution of teaching manufacturing helped bring Rosie students to the realization college is not for everyone and the world needs machinists as well as engineers. He helped shape the team into what it is today. In his own words, Rosie became "more gooder" because of Dave. Thank you to his family for sharing Dave with us. Rest easy, my friend. We'll take it from here. -Dana Henry and the rest of the Rosie mentors, parents and students



Dana Henry - September 26, 2023 at 10:05 AM

BM

Thank you for sharing that.... Dave was a great guy..... everything he touched was gooder lol that was his favorite euphemism and he used it to the end!!!! That was one word he never forgot . Great pics thanks so much Ben-

Benjamin Moore - October 01, 2023 at 02:31 PM

RS

“ Rosie Robotics mentors and students. purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Eugene D. Smith, Jr..



Rosie Robotics mentors and students. - September 26, 2023 at 09:50 AM

JS

“ My big brother Dave... what can I say? You left home in North Miami, probably in the late 60's before I was 5 years old. I idolized you, probably because you were someone who I wished and wanted to know better. We'd visit every Summer pretty much all of my life. I really didn't get to know you well until my 20's. I loved you and wish that I could have known you better ❤️. Talked to you more about the things that mattered. When I knew that you were declining and I was able to get up to Mass and see you, I had a romantic notion that you'd wake up and talk to me. I realized that wasn't going to happen early on after visiting you. I was told that hearing was still present in people who were in hospice care, In their final days. I hope that you heard me singing you Beatles, Elton John and other songs I thought you might like. Off key and sung in my raspy lack of sleep voice. But I sang it from my heart and with all of my love 🥹. I was honored to be with you as you left this earth 🌍. I loved you so much big brother, and will see you on the other side Dave. ❤️ xoxo Godspeed my dear brother!! Jimmy



James A. Smith - September 22, 2023 at 04:03 PM

RM

Thanks for being there my uncle I heard you singing to him and I know he loved it!

Rebecca Moore - September 22, 2023 at 07:23 PM

RM

Love Ben

Rebecca Moore - September 22, 2023 at 07:25 PM

RM

“❤️ *miss you Dad....your loving family*



Rebecca Moore - September 21, 2023 at 10:40 AM

RM

“ *We will cherish you and all of the memories we created...
Love Becky and Ben Moore*



Rebecca Moore - September 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

BM

“ Dave "Dad" you were like a second father to me. The strength you had was of a thousand men , the respect I had for you was enormous and it was an honor and a privilege to have known you and to have been able to take care of you at the end of your life. The home has felt so empty since you have gone... Together with You and Rebecca we will be the Three Amigos for eternity!!! Your loving Son n law Benjamin Moore 💕💕

Benjamin Moore - September 21, 2023 at 10:05 AM

RM

You were his best friend ❤️ and you were a stand up man. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS... Love, your wife Rebecca ❤️

Rebecca Moore - September 21, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BM

Your father will always be shining down on you like a Star he was so proud of the amazing woman that you have become ❤️

Benjamin Moore - September 21, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RM

“ Missing you so much Dad...
Love, you so much
Becky and Ben



Rebecca Moore - September 21, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene D. Smith, Jr..*



September 21, 2023 at 09:35 AM