



Jerrold Michael "Mickey" Smith

February 8, 1939 - August 4, 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of beloved and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, cousin and friend, Jerrold Michael ("Mickey") Smith. Mickey was born February 8, 1939 in Nyack, New York, he was the son of Ceil and Max Smith (both of blessed memory).

He graduated from Nyack High School, the US Naval Academy in 1961, he received a Master of Civil Engineering from University of Michigan, he joined the navy and served in the Seabees (Civil engineer Corps) and in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. Mickey proudly retired as a Captain in the US Naval Reserves. He served ten years in active duty & twenty years in the reserves.

Retired Custom Homebuilder Mickey was a born leader and inspired others to volunteer and help. He was a former Board Member of Congregation B'nai Israel, Construction, Fundraising and Security Chairman of B'nai Israel. President of Gainesville UJA (15 years), UJA officer State of Florida, board member of UF Hillel and volunteer construction chairman of their new home and honored by the Renaissance Society of Hillel, Local Chair AIPAC. He was honored for long and extended service by the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, board member of Friends of the Jewish Chapel at US Naval Academy, US Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer, Founder and lifetime President of Gainesville Military Academy Club, Past local president of the Military Officers Association of America, President of Junior Achievement, President of Gainesville Home Builder's Association, Adjunct Instructor Santa Fe College Building Construction School and Regular blood donor.

He is survived by his wife, Toba Smith; children, Marc Smith ("Laurie"), Rebecca Smith Vogel ("Alon") & Meredith Smith Barbour ("Andy"); grandchildren: Jason Smith, Aren Vogel, Jake Smith, Dani Vogel, Gabi Vogel & Jack Barbour; Sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Jill & Elliot Goldman. Sister: Diane Bergerman (of blessed memory)

Mickey was a friend to many and blessed to have an extended Gainesville Family of

friends after having lived here for forty-nine years.

Due to Covid-19, the burial will be private and limited to family only. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Congregation B'nai Israel: www.bnaigainesvile.com, USNA FOJC: www.fojcusna.org or International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer: www.iaslc.org.

Cemetery

B'nai Israel Cemetery

corner of E. University and Waldo Road

Gainesville, FL,

Comments



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending comfort and prayers to all of you. The Jaffe Family

Allison Jaffe - August 08, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Toba. Mickey was such a wonderful guy. I always enjoyed his engaging personality and friendliness. He was one of the “Good Ones” in our community and will be sorely missed.

Toby Monaco - August 07, 2020 at 07:40 AM



“ We send our sincere condolences to the Smith family. May the love and comfort of friends give you comfort during this sad time, and may warm memories of your loved one help ease the pain of his loss.
Marcia and Hank Storch

Marcia Storch - August 06, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ I enjoyed Mickey's friendship and that ever present smile for over 45 years. He was a consummate professional and the type of person you simply wanted to be around. A life well lived.

Billy Brame

Billy Brame - August 06, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ I attended the Saturday Night Shiva Service on Zoom and while I did not know Mickey I as was honored to be allowed to participate, As someone who is of the same generation and as a Jew who was a Commissioned Officer and as a member of BI, I share your loss. There is a prayer which I said with the passing of my dear Helen that I want to share with you.

"My God you have given me a pure soul, you formed it, you breathed it into me and you will take it from me. And one day that soul will return."

Saturday, night, at the Maariv service I witness Mickey's soul returning in spirit of his children and grandchildren and even in his friends. The good he has done in helping our BI community to thrive and in all the noble causes he supported he gave us all, and our children a "tree of life" that makes the oxygen we breath.

Please continue to use "Zoom" or its equivalent to keep connected as our family has done, to support and keep in touch during this crazy time. .

Eli Glazer - August 09, 2020 at 12:03 AM