



## Mr. Harry E. Smith

February 12, 1943 - November 26, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Harry E. Smith, age 76, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at MVHS Rehabilitation & Nursing Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 12, 1943, Harry was the son of the late Edward & Isabella (Wayman) Smith. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Harry honorably served his country stationed in Okinawa. He was proud to have been a professional driver for the Army Generals during the administration of President John F. Kennedy as well as during his funeral cortege. On January 22, 1966 he married the former Selma Nassimos with whom he shared 53 years in a marriage built upon their true love for one another. Their union was blessed with 5 children. In retrospect of their years together, their life was full of fun and every day tribulations, but they successfully stood by each other's side. Harry held many positions at Utica Glass Co. and his loyalty was rewarded by being promoted to Shop Foreman. In his retirement years, Harry worked for Bernie Bus Service, Inc. as a Monitor for the Utica City School District. He was a fun-loving man who displayed many humorous gestures. As a father, he was firm and held his children to the highest of standards, impressing upon them the importance of education. When his grandchildren came into his life his personality softened, and when they called him "Pop" he was so very touched.

Harry's favorite pastimes were playing bingo, scratch off lottery tickets, and

partaking in other games of chance at the casino. He enjoyed himself in this life, was found to be entertaining, and bestowed his legendary stories.

Baseball was Harry's favorite sport and the Yankees were his team. Of all the things in life, he appreciated being together with his family. Harry practiced his faith at St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Harry is survived by his devoted wife, Selma; his children and their loves, Ann Marie and James O'Malley, Christine Powers and fiancé Richard "RJ" Paden, Stacey and David Hollenbeck, Gina and Brian Freiberger, and Harry and Georgia Smith; his grandchildren, Shilo; Nicholas, Tyler and Melissa; Cassidy, Aiden, and Marshall; Madison, Morgan, and Will; and Connor. He also leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie Fox, Mary Ann and Luperio Gonzalez, Maggie Hart, Cathy Caldwell and Christopher Doris, and Laurie and Gene Schram; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Marge Smith, Pete Major, Jr., Joseph Nassimos, John Nassimos, Violet and George Yany, Patricia Nassimos, Eddie and Carmella Nassimos, and Jackie Nackley. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers, Paul Smith, William Smith, Kenneth Smith who passed away in infancy, and Richard Smith; his sister, Isabelle Major; and in-laws, Jimmy and Mary Nassimos, DeeDee Nassimos, Ann Nassimos, and Fred Nackley, Jr.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Naji El Khoury and his wonderful staff, Dr. Brian Chase, Dr. John Pylman, and the nurses and aides who were outstanding in caring for not only Harry, but his wife and family as well. A gracious thank you is also extended to Abouna Peter Hachem, Deacon Paul Salamy and Harry's cousin Deacon Peter Hobaica for their love and support. Visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2–4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Harry's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be offered. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-6019

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ I had never met Harry, but have worked with his fantastic daughter, Annemarie. What a handsome man and an amazing life he must have had. His obituary was a true testament to that.

Our staff ,at Suncoast Orthopaedics, send all of their love to Annie and her Family at this difficult time. We are so blessed to have her as a valued co-worker.

Hold your memories dear and may they be a comfort in your days ahead.

Debbie

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**Debbie Brooks** - November 30, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry E. Smith.



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November 30, 2019 at 07:17 AM

RF

“ Selma, please accept my heartfelt condolences. It was always smiles and laughs when you two were around, while we were "terrorizing" Conkling Ave! Harry always has a smile on his face, or at least that's how I remember him, which is all that matters.  
Roger Fontana

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**Roger Fontana** - November 29, 2019 at 08:47 PM

CD

“ *Cathy Duffy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry E. Smith*



Cathy Duffy - November 29, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry E. Smith.*



November 28, 2019 at 02:40 PM

MH

“ *I never had met this great man but I work with one of his greatest daughters everyday! Annie is the hardest working, funniest person I know and there is no doubt it came from her father! All my love to your family during this difficult time. -the Hanson's*

Michelle Hanson - November 28, 2019 at 08:23 AM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers coming your way 🙏*



marlene and mike honaica - November 27, 2019 at 06:25 PM

RH

“ To Selma and the Kids,  
I send many prayers in this difficult time, he was a friend and Mentor  
too many people. I have many memories of him thru out the years  
which I'll keep forever

*"Safe Journey Pal"*

*Rich Huber*

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**Rich Huber** - November 27, 2019 at 04:45 PM

RP

*Dear Selma and Family,  
I have been blessed to become part of your wonderful family. Although  
distance and my job has kept me from visiting as often as I should  
have, you and Harry are always in my thoughts and prayers. I always  
look forward to seeing you two at our "summer get together" at camp.  
The family time I did spend with you and Harry showed me that Harry  
was a "good man" and worked hard and from what I see raised and  
provided for a "great family". So until we meet again I wish to extend  
my most Sincere Condolence  
RJ*

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**Richard J Paden** - November 29, 2019 at 04:16 PM